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MINUTES - OSCAR GENERAL MEETING Thursday 22 March 2018

North Shore Community Centre, David Low Way, Mudjimba

1 Opening, Acknowledgement of Country, Welcome

2 Attendance and Apologies

2.1 Present – Trevor Rice (SCAAN Inc), Peter Ryan (SCAAN Inc), Kay Hagen (SCAAN), Peter Baulch (YADCA), Keith Sweatman (YADCA), Ian Hope (LACA Inc), Ken Husband (LACA Inc), Lynette Saxton (DW), Carla Clynick (TAPP Inc), Ken Mewburn (TAPP Inc), Tony Barry (CRA), Charles Toms (MCA), Warren Fraser (PPPA), Malcolm Brassey (TWWS), Kathryn Hyman (TWWS), Mark Jones (CRA), Kris Bullen (YCPA), Richard Dennis (SSCA), Dion McCurdy (NewVote), Greg Smith (PSRA), Melva Hobson (MCG).

2.2 Apologies – Gillian Hall (DF), John Hare (PBCA), Simon Cracknell, Lex McCarthy, Vonnie Burton, and Faye Wiggins (SCA Inc), Melva Hobson (MCG), Bob Joubert (PSRA), Max Standage ((MADCA), Mike Goss (PBCH), Susie Chapman (MCG), Bernie Keays (GMAN), Martin Peelgrane (MRA), Mark Bizzell (CRA).

3 Minutes of the previous meeting (distributed via website)

The attendees accepted the minutes of the general meeting held on 22 February 2018

Moved: Lyn Saxton

Seconded: Peter Baulch

Carried

4 Business Arising

4.1 Response from SCRC re Airport lease (Charles)

Charles confirmed that he had received a copy of the lease agreements and was still analysing the documents. There appeared to be aspects in need of further investigation and analysis, such as subsidiary agreements. Charles said he wished to discuss with colleagues further before making additional statements or conclusions.

4.2. MAGLEV integrated transport seminar 15 March 2018 (Tony G)

Tony gave a brief of the seminar and key note speakers providing information for the community to understand. It was a well-attended event with positive media coverage overall. The report is on the website.

4.3 SCEC & EDO 'Donations and other Dangers to Democracy' seminar (Narelle, SCEC)

Greg spoke of the recent presentation made by OSCAR at the seminar, for those who were not present, the primary issues raised by OSCAR were; confidential sessions, donations and conflicts, and the need for Commercial In Confidence provisions. Revel Pointon of the EDO focussed on law reform, whilst Cameron Murray Senior Economist at the Australian Institute and author of Game of

Mates, referred to the human element behind 'politics'. Rezoning was also a central theme of his presentation.

4.5 Brisbane Rd Carpark OSCAR response (Greg)

Greg referred to the Sunshine Coast Daily article regarding widespread concern with respect to the financial transparency. It was agreed that the major stakeholder in 'the deal' is the public / community, thus it follows that commercial in confidence provisions are questionable. The apparent / alleged \$50 million paid to a developer to obtain a high rise should be investigated further, in conjunction with the \$21 million dollar figure quoted by the Mayor with respect to basement parking, and other matters related. The question was asked 'who originally gifted the land to community'. It was agreed that an RTI application may be warranted. Discussion resolved to initially correspond with the Mayor direct as the first point of contact.

That OSCAR write to the Mayor asking specific questions regarding the process and details of the contractual agreements:

Moved: Tony Gibson

Seconded: Tony Barry

Carried

4.6 QLGRA report back (Tony G)

Tony reported that a running theme was the differentiations between rural councils and Super Councils and the loss of connection to community. The seminar pointed to requirements of the Local Government Act by definition is representative local government, participatory budgeting, community engagement and social inclusion. Sunshine Coast First, a local party that has formed to endorse State candidates in order to carry more weight in the decision making process through Parliament and have Sunshine Coast largely represented. John Hare reported he is preparing a paper regarding a recommendation to follow a State Government focus to carry more influence.

4.7. Follow-up on letter to Minister Planning re Integrity of Planning Schemes (Greg)

Greg reminded attendees that correspondence is available on the members section of the website, and encouraged those who do not have a log in to please do so. It was agreed that it was time to write a follow up email to Hon Minister Dick to discuss planning related issues

5 Correspondence

NB Correspondence can be viewed on the Member only section of the OSCAR website

Inwards

OSCAR email updates – 26 February, 12, 13 & 21 March

SCEC – Invitation to World Environment Day and Newsletter re new website

[Premier – response re developer donations letter](#)

[Greg Laverty, SCRC – Airport response](#)

[SC Airport Lease](#)

[Acknowledgement of OSCAR Submission – Sekisui House](#)

[SCRC CEO – details re closed sessions at OM 22 March](#)

[SCRC Parking Workshop Minutes 12 February 2018](#)

[QLGRA Newsletter – March 2018](#)

[Minister of LG – acknowledgement of receipt of letter re PWGC](#)

[Office of Fair Trading – Extension of Annual Return Date](#)

[SCAAN Alternate Format request letter](#)

Outwards

[Letter to Economics and Governance Committee – Implementing Belcarra Legislation submission](#)

[Email to members – Implementing Belcarra calls for submissions](#)

[SCEC grant application support letter](#)

6 Financial report

Expenditure for the month was \$904.00. Payments included Public Liability Insurance, Office of Fair Trading annual fee, Post Box rental and a donation of \$25 to North Shore Community Centre for rental of room. Donations received \$42.50 from a collection made at last month's meeting.

Year to date expenditure exceeds income by \$1102.86. Opening bank balance for the year was \$3328.02 and closing \$2225.16, as per bank balance.

That the Treasurers report be accepted:

Moved: Charles Toms

Seconded: Tony Barry

7 Membership report

7.1 New member application/s

Nil.

8. Member organisation presentation

8.1 SCAAN - Sunshine Coast Access Advisory Network Inc (Peter Ryan, President)

SCAAN Inc members gave presentation outlining the issues facing disadvantaged people in the community such as the hearing and sight impaired. Report is on the website Some obstacles include policy breakdown in the construction and design of building infrastructure for our communities, provisions for alternate format allowances of which fall under Commonwealth legislation, and equity in representation of disadvantaged people at the decision making level. SCAAN are seeking support in their endeavours to enact adequate provisions with respect to inclusive planning and policy compliance.

That OSCAR investigate policy issues with view to a letter of support by OSCAR

Moved: Melva Hobson

Seconded: Tony Gibson

Carried

9 General Business

9.1 Presentation from Dion McCurdy from NewVote - a digital participation platform

<https://www.newvote.org.au/>

Dion introduced himself and explained his background in Law and Political Science, and introduced his concept as an independent non-partisan not for profit start up (registered charity) to enhance and celebrate democracy. The report is on the website. Members agreed it could be a useful tool and would endeavour to take a look at the website.

9.2 Twin Waters West amendment report and response (Kathryn)

Kathryn advised that the adopted amendment was gazetted Monday. Changes had been made, again, and further demonstrated administrative error giving rise to grounds for a legal challenge. The gazette, together with the review also proves evidentiary merit to seeking a remedy from the Minister as a result of non-compliance with the relevant policy, legislation and planning grounds. The rezoning demonstrated a benefit to the landowner, and discussion was raised around the timing of major planning scheme amendments, given TWW was progressed almost immediately after the Planning scheme came into effect. The review also provided evidentiary merit in that the State interest check was not met, and that there was a break down in due process.

That OSCAR support TWWS in seeking remedy from the appropriate Director/s General and the Minister/s:

Moved: Kathryn Hyman

Seconded: Peter Baulch

Carried

9.3 Update and reminder re Ideas for OSCAR action 2018 (Greg)

Greg reiterated an ongoing request to member groups with longer meeting time constraints to still forward their list of actions/issues their members believe OSCAR should be pursuing. This working document of already received a number of suggestions will be posted on the Member only section of the website.

9.4 SCRC Local Government Infrastructure Plan (Lyn) NB Submissions due 13 April 2018, electronic documents available for members.

Greg (in Lyn's absence), explained the infrastructure charges from developer funding – individual members may not be greatly concerned, though, the capital works program does identify areas designated for funding allocations – and perhaps this may be of interest to some members. The priority areas were established 2 years ago, and other issues that may have arisen are not considered – for this reason it would be beneficial for individual communities to make submissions where they identify gaps in the LGIP in their region.

9.5 Proposed meeting with John Connolly (Lyn)

Following comments made by Cr Connolly regarding the frequency and necessity of major planning scheme amendments. The question kept returning to 'what is driving the planning scheme amendments' and it was agreed action should be taken by OSCAR to pose the questions to the SCRC.

That OSCAR attempt to schedule a meeting with SCRC, possibly with the Mayor direct and CEO in attendance

Moved: Melva Hobson

Seconded: Kathryn Hyman

Carried

9.6 MRECG update (Susie Chapman)

Greg advised that there was no recent update to report as the previous MRECG meeting was rescheduled.

10 Other items from the floor

Mark Jones raised the topic of combined dissatisfaction among communities across the Sunshine Coast. Discussion revolved around local issues experienced directly by member groups, and other issued more widely advertised in the local media such as the Mooloolaba Brisbane Road proposal. It was agreed it would be useful to collate this information for the purposes of identifying possible avenues to effect change.

That considering the dissatisfaction of many community groups in relation to transparency and compliance, OSCAR be requested to log these issues to be collated and considered in the context of non-compliance with the relevant Acts to establish where a break down has occurred. OSCAR is to request whether any groups have logged issues as such, and/or, if

there are perceived compliance issues, would they be keen to log and share with OSCAR for review / assistance / advice in how to remedy these various issues.

Moved: Mark Jones

Seconded: Kathryn Hyman

Carried

11 Meeting date and location for next OSCAR General Meeting

11.1 The next OSCAR General Meeting will be held April 26 2018 at a venue to be advised.

12 Meeting Close

12.1 The meeting closed at 21.43