

## **Minutes – OSCAR GM 7.00pm, Thursday 26 October 2017**

### **North Shore Community Centre, David Low Way, Mudjimba**

#### **1 Meeting opening, welcome and introductions**

The meeting opened at 7:00 pm with Vice President, Tony Gibson in the chair in the absence of Greg Smith who is currently overseas. Tony welcomed attendees and acknowledged the Kabi Kabi people, traditional owners of the land on which we are meeting.

#### **2 Attendance**

**2.1. Present-** Julie Rayfield (PPPA), Greg Rayfield (PPPA), Warren Fraser (PPPA/STWW), Mark Bizzell (CRA), Kathryn Hyman (TWW&S), Richard Dennis (SSCA), Matt Druce (SDDCA), Gillian Hall (Dulong Futures), Alan Kai (Dulong Futures), Pam Rogowski (Living History Society), Max Standage (MADCA), Simon Cracknell, Barry McDowall (MCG), Gerry Gibson (MCG), Kris Bullen (YCPA), Peter Baulch (YADCA), Charles Toms (MRA/RESDEV) Lyn Saxton (DW) and Tony Gibson (CNSCC) Melva Hobson via Skype (8.00pm).

#### **2.2. Apologies**

Greg Smith, Narelle McCarthy, Susie Chapman, Bob Joubert, Maree Reeve, John Hare, Keith Sweatman.

#### **3 Minutes of previous meeting (distributed via website)**

The attendees accepted the minutes of the general meeting held on 14 September as posted on the OSCAR website.

***That the minutes of the previous meeting be accepted***

***Moved: Tony Gibson***

***Seconded: Peter Baulch***

***Carried***

#### **4 Business arising**

##### **4.1 Developer donation campaign – see separate correspondence**

Tony talked to the media coverage regarding this issue, noting from a Sunshine Coast Daily article of October 5 that Mayor Jamieson has a different view to the Premier regarding the ban on developer donations and does not support this initiative. Tony provided another article by the Sunshine Coast Daily reporting that groups such as OSCAR and SCEC among community groups who support the ban

##### **4.2 Letter to Mayor re strategic discussion forum (Melva) - deferred**

##### **4.3 Financial transparency letter to SCRC (Charles)**

Charles circulated draft correspondence with the office of the Mayor highlighting anomalies in the SCRC budget – it appears SCRC wrote off \$31.743m, believed to be the value of the airport land. Further anomalies include: this asset was sold with no good will contrary to a usual contract of sale of a business; the sale to Palisade has resulted in a revenue loss to the rate payer of \$4.8m p/a owing to the 99 year lease agreement with Palisade and partially offset by royalty payments (which can't be included twice) and future investments needed for the business. In addition, the proposed draft letter Charles enquires regarding SCRC Solar Farm and requests more clarification and transparency regarding financial performance results moving forward, and SunCentral, requesting a response to how often Council will prepare and make public the financial results for SunCentral Maroochydore Pty Ltd, a wholly owned subsidiary of SCRC and therefore ratepayers? Charles confirmed that this is an exercise in recording the complaints process of SSRC and continued requests for information that is inadequately responded to. General consensus agreed with

Matt Druce in that all Councillors need to be kept informed of activity and information gathering in the community, it follows that member groups should have access to correspondence etc to submit and register alignment with OSCAR objectives and recommendations to their divisional councillors. It was agreed to report back at the next OSCAR GM to allow the process to progress and then move a motion to initiate an action within member groups to demonstrate solidarity and more broadly inform the local government representatives of community views on different concerns and issues.

***That OSCAR transmit the draft letter to SCRC with these questions in response to SCRC' inadequate reply***

***Moved: Charles Toms***

***Seconded: Lyn Saxton***

***Carried***

#### **4.4 MRECG update (Susie)**

Deferred owing to absence. Members present had seen social media posts by Cr O'Pray and Cr Dickson confirming that they will be voting to continue with the existing sand bags using new geotextile that will be more durable and cost effective also.

### **5. Correspondence**

#### **5.1 Inwards**

#### **5.2 Outwards**

### **6. Financial Report**

#### **6.1 OSCAR funds**

Treasurer Charles Toms tabled the Financial Report and advised that the bank balance is \$3148.02.

***That the financial report be accepted as circulated***

***Moved: Mark Bizzel***

***Seconded: Gillian Hall***

***Carried***

### **7 Membership Report**

#### **7.1 Membership Applications**

The Vice-President tabled an application from the Beerburum Action Group. Motion to carry was deferred as the representative could not make the meeting and would attend the next meeting. The Vice-President also tabled an application from the Take Action for Pumicestone Passage Inc (TAPP). Tony reported that he has been spreading the message to generate and build membership, for example he attended the SCAAN (Sunshine Coast Access Advisory Network) is another group who has expressed interest in applying for membership, an equitable and broad representation of members is key. Tony went on to say that individual and associate membership needed to be decided upon, and Matt McIntyre of Planning 4 Sustainable Development and Dr Claudia Baldwin of USC would be assets to OSCAR in advisory capacities in matters relating to their fields of expertise. It was reiterated that these members would not have voting rights and Tony further acknowledged that Simon Cracknell continues to attend meetings though not representative or affiliated with any particular group.

***That the Take Action for Pumicestone Passage Inc be confirmed as a member of OSCAR.***

***Moved: Tony Gibson***

***Seconded: Peter Baulch***

***Carried.***

## **8. General Business**

### **8.1 Member organisation presentation (if any)**

Lyn Saxton gave a Sekisui update acknowledging that public submission period had commenced. She advised that Development Watch will be conducting submission writing workshops and that pro forma submission variations have been drafted and available on their website. She mentioned Sekisui's marketing campaign and its rose tinted glasses artist concept which was deceptive in terms of the actual development proposal and reported that Development Watch had allocated an advertising budget. She raised the recent poll running with the Sunshine Coast Daily and questioned its credibility and its influence on the print media. Lyn advised that she would be giving Development Watch presentation at the Marcoola Community Group GM 7pm November 2<sup>nd</sup> at Marcoola Surf Club.

### **8.2 Developer donation legislation**

Tony circulated the letter written by OSCAR to the Acting Committee Secretary of the Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee regarding the Belcarra report. Melva elaborated on reasons for the line of questioning, for example, she found the definitions too 'interpretive' (wishy washy) in terms of what is considered the definition of a 'developer' and the term 'regularly'. She pointed out that too often the ambiguity of what is a perceived conflict / gift, and a Councillor making his or her own assessment of appropriate declarations and subsequent removal from the voting process at their own discretions is too open to flaw. OSCAR made recommendations relating to adjournments and open sessions, the period before the ban and that from the time of initial nominations logs should be kept and declared on a cumulative basis; define clearly and include the nature of private business relationships and Material Personal Interest provisions; and that the accumulated figure be included in any Conflict of Interest of Material Personal Interest declarations. Melva further noted that it was nonsense to have other Councillors vote on another's conflict, this simply passes the buck of responsibility away from the Councillor who has a conflict of interest, and a recommendation was made regarding Councillor and Disciplinary Panel member training to be undertaken.

### **8.3 State Election commitments – OSCAR ISSUES – some suggested below. Please bring your suggestions to the meeting.**

- i. Transport Infrastructure
- ii. LG Government Governance
- iii. Planning Scheme Clarity
- iv. Handling of LG complaints
- v. Cost of RTI for NFP group

Attendees were asked to consider these issues and raise these among others with members in preparation for the State Govt elections soon to be called. Tony said he was putting together an action plan to place OSCAR in a position to consider facilitating candidate forums for the soon to commence election time. It was agreed it was important that each member group is aware of the new division boundaries and candidates running in their electorate.

### **8.4 SCRC Restructure**

Tony drafted a letter to SCRC requesting a copy of the consultant's report on which the restructure was based and seeking to understand why the restructure was deemed necessary.

## **8.5 Climate Change**

Tony Gibson discussed attending the Queensland Government presentation on climate change and in particular the ***Pathways to a clean growth economy Strategy***. His report is attached to these minutes. Tony highlighted that the responses by the state government such as integrating zero net emissions goals into state infrastructure planning had impacts for the Sunshine Coast with the SEQ Regional Plan impacting on local government. Tony Gibson saw a TV Interview on the local news where a Queensland Government Minister discussed the State Government plans for a desalination plant at Marcoola for water security. Also it has been rumoured that development on the flood plains such as Twin Waters West is to share the load re population growth.

Gillian Hall stated that though member groups have automatic affinity through OSCAR, it is at times difficult to garner support for issues if they do not feel affected by, for example flooding does not impact communities living on the range thus there is a disconnect from the issue. Matt Druce commented that Climate Change can be controversial, is a global issue and was not an issue at the LG level. Kathryn Hyman responded to both points by saying that it did not matter if residents believe in climate change or not, banks and insurers do, and so does our local, state and federal governments and residents are impacted and dictated by decisions and policy made by these organisations. Further, that flood appeals and the like, rates and the public purse fund the clean up's, disaster management, mitigation efforts and damage assessment that can be an economic burden if local planning policy doesn't adequately reflect the interests of existing and future residents and communities to transition and adapt.

## **8.6 Other items from the floor**

Simon Cracknell advised that a multi story high rise complex has been approved at Pelican Waters much to the shock of local residents as it was a code assessable DA, hence no public notification or submission period.

Matt Druce announced that he would table an agenda item for discussion regarding a communication platform to enhance information sharing and education for community groups.

Charles raised the prospect for applying for funding grants, he noted that often grants through SCRC contain unacceptable compliance agreements (gag orders), he explained that funding could be sought through other community grants such as "lotto" which is a no strings attached community grant that could be used to buy equipment such as a projector and a printer etc. Tony and Gillian were not supportive of this from the outset stating that it would not be ethical to accept a grant from a levy through the gambling industry. The issue was deferred for further discussion at the next GM.

## **9. Meeting date and location for next General Meeting of OSCAR**

**9.1 Was scheduled for Thursday, 23 November 2017 at NSCC but now rescheduled due to the calling of the state election on the 25 November. The OSCAR meeting date is now 30 November 2017.**