

**MINUTES OF THE POST ELECTION MEETING
OF THE CHARTERS TOWERS REGIONAL COUNCIL
HELD AT THE COUNCIL'S BOARDROOM,
MOSMAN STREET, CHARTERS TOWERS,
TUESDAY 1ST APRIL, 2008
COMMENCING AT 8.00 A.M.**

PRESENT

Councillors BS Callcott (Mayor), BP Robertson, DA Coleman, NJ Vinson, FC Beveridge, BH Robinson, D Chapman, Mr JP Gott (Chief Executive Officer)

APOLOGIES

Nil

**MAYORAL
ADDRESS**

The Mayor Cr BS Callcott delivered the following address to the Councillors:

The Mayor welcomed Councillors to the first ever meeting of Charters Towers Regional Council and remarked that Charters Towers City and Dalrymple Shire had gone, as names at least, forever. He informed them that Anna Bligh said last week that her government has no agenda for further amalgamations and she suspects there probably won't be any more during the remainder of this century.

The Mayor reflected on the significance of the meeting historically and paid tribute to the men and women who have gone before and delivered us to this point.

Cr Callcott expressed his view that the people of the Region had selected a good council.

He said:

"I don't usually formalise meeting procedure unless Councillor behaviour dictates that I should. I believe I run a very democratic type Council with every member having ample time to have their say on all issues where they wish to speak. I encourage you all to say in an orderly fashion everything you wish to say. I ask you to analyse every aspect of a decision or question and seek other solutions.

Because we are transitioning as well as running Council's business we will need to be very careful to get it as correct as it can be.

We will be judged harshly by the electorate at every turn.

I hope we soon become a council that can reason, rationalise and compromise when and where necessary.

I expect the Council to work within the regulatory procedures and practices as set out by all the governing legislation and work with openness, honesty and integrity a team.

I don't want factional or separatist behaviour which leads to dead locks and/or back stabbing.

We need an industrious, open and congenial team that, with joint effort, makes every goal a winner.

Thank you and Congratulations.”

DECLARATION OF OFFICE

Mr JP Gott administered the Declaration of Office to the Councillors prior to the commencement of the meeting having first ensured that all returns as to electoral gifts had been furnished by the Councillors.

PRESENTATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, SPORT AND RECREATION TOOLKIT

Mr JP Gott presented the Department of Local Government, Sport and Recreation Toolkit.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned for morning tea between 9.30 and 10.00am.

MEETINGS

Cr FC Beveridge moved, seconded by Cr DA Coleman that the formal General Council Meeting be held monthly on the second Wednesday of every month and that in addition to these meetings the Councillors would generally attend one informal meeting of the College of Directors which will be held on the alternate fortnight to the General Meeting. The 1st General Council meeting will be held on 9th April, 2008 commencing at 8.00am.

CARRIED

DEPUTY MAYOR

Cr BS Callcott called for nominations for the position of Deputy Mayor. Nominations were received from Cr BP Robertson, Cr FC Beveridge and Cr BH Robinson.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

Cr DA Coleman moved, seconded by Cr FC Beveridge that standing orders be suspended to discuss the position of Deputy Mayor.

**RESUMPTION OF
STANDING
ORDERS AND
APPOINTMENT OF
THE DEPUTY
MAYOR** Cr DA Coleman moved, seconded by Cr BH Robinson that
Cr BP Robertson be appointed as Deputy Mayor.
CARRIED

**APPOINTMENT OF
STANDING
COMMITTEES** Discussion occurred as to the need or otherwise for
appointment of Standing Committees given Mr JP Gott's
recommendation that Councillors be attached to areas of
interest within existing directorates. This will be further
considered at the special meeting which is to follow this
Post Election meeting.

**SALEYARDS
COMMITTEE** Mr JP Gott identified that Councillor participation on the
Saleyard committee was mandatory for Quality Assurance
purposes.

Cr D Chapman moved, seconded by Cr BH Robinson that
Councillors BP Robertson and DA Coleman be appointed as
Council Representatives on the Saleyards Committee
together with the Mayor as an "ex officio" member.

CARRIED

**NORTH
QUEENSLAND
SPORTS
FOUNDATION** It was moved by Cr D Chapman, seconded by Cr BH
Robinson that Cr FC Beveridge be appointed as the
Council's representative to the North Queensland Sports
Foundation.


CARRIED

**OTHER
COMMITTEES** Cr BS Callcott recommended that appointment of
Councillors to other committees would be considered by
Council on an "as required" basis.

RESOLVED

**CLOSURE OF
MEETING** There being no further business the Meeting closed at
11.15am.

CONFIRMED THIS 9TH DAY OF APRIL 2008


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Mayor