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**MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE MEETING 7 OF QUEANBEYAN BUSINESS
COUNCIL INCORPORATED
AT COUNTRY ENERGY BOARD ROOM
TUESDAY 11th OCTOBER STARTING 12.15 PM**

Present – Bill Baker, Frank Bresnik, Ian McNamee, Loyd Perin, Graham Wise, Jan Browne, Col Maxwell, Daryl Evans, Hugh Percy, Ania Lian, Kim Beaumont, Trudy Woods, Steve Jamieson.

Observers – Russell Larnach and Brooke Townsend (IMB), Kevin O’Connor (K O’Connor Menswear), Stina Kerans (Integrated Ecovillages), Anthony Flaherty,

Apologies – Craig Harris, Ross Barrett, Nick Moufarrige, Matthew Mason-Cox, Stan Waldren, Rod Studholme, Maurice McCormack, Jeremy Wyatt, Les Boardman (Crawford St Constructions).

Facilitator – Simon Mitchell-Taverner

President opened the meeting by thanking David Bellew and Kathy Howard from Country Energy for their hospitality and welcoming observers. The draw for Member 100 was supervised by David Bellew with Integrated Ecovillages (Stina Kerans) being drawn as member 100.

- 1. Adoption of Minutes of Executive 6 13th July 2005**
Adopted unanimously (JB/DE)

- 2. Matters arising from Minutes of Executive 6, 13th July 2005**

Nil

- 3. President’s report –**

Forwarded to all delegates prior to meeting. Copy with original minutes.

In speaking to this report Mr. McNamee stated the view that State Member Mr. Steve Whan MP had been caught up in the Hospital/Showground issue through circumstance and had been overseas during the lead up to this period.

The meeting agreed that all dealings with Government Ministers should be undertaken through or with the knowledge of the relevant local Member.

On the issue of QBC Future Growth, Mr. McNamee acknowledged that initial forecast in January 2005 was that QBC would need a part time staff member. It was now looking more likely that a full time employee would be needed in the near future and suggested that discussions should be undertaken with BEC in this regard.

President’s report was adopted unanimously (CM/LP)

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4. Secretary's Report –

Correspondence:

Received from NRMA (Illawarra, South Coast, ACT Commission research), QCC (request for QBC representation Cultural centre Committee), NRMA (invite to better Roads study Kings Highway), Snowy Southcare Helicopter Fund (invite to provide a Director).

Sent to Country Energy (Thanks for meeting venue) National Federation of Independent Business ACT (Response to Youth Business Centres proposal) Brendan O'Keeffe (Response to Tourism Opportunity), QCC (accept nomination for Cultural Centre Committee).

During the meeting, a letter was received from NSW Member Mr. Steve Whan MP acknowledging efforts by QBC regarding the Water issue.

Secretary's report adopted DE/SJ

5. Treasurers Report – Tabled by Treasurer – detailed copy attached to original minutes. Summary as follows:

Reconciled Bank Balance 30 th September 2005	\$ 50,640.45
Total Equity at 30 th September 2005	\$ 51,153.20
P&L for September 2005	\$ 1,889.55

Anthony Curtis & Co have completed audit to 30th June 2005. Financial statements tabled and attached to original minutes. **Received on the Motion of GW seconded SJ.**

8 new applications for membership received. **Resolved unanimously** that all nominations as listed in the financial reports be **elected** as members.

Treasurer's report **accepted on resolution of GW seconded by HP.**

6. Group Reports

Group 1:

a. Water: Awaiting response to request for meeting with Chief Minister Mr. Jon Stanhope. It is understood a reply is imminent.

b. Autonomous water: Report by Ania Lian was tabled and copies provided to all attendees (copy on original minutes). A meeting between QBC, QCC and DEC delegates will take place on 9th November. The Innovative Sewage Technologies seminar held on behalf of QBC on 21st September had been very successful, attracting 60 attendees. It had provided a number of useful contacts for QBC.

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c. Sewage: Hugh Percy will meet with Actew shortly. He recommended that Actew raise this issue with QCC directly prior to any input from QBC.

d. Edwin Land Parkway: Hugh Percy tabled report that has incorporated input from other Executive members and is ready for formal presentation to QCC and other stakeholders. It incorporates considerable research into previous studies by stakeholders and explains how Edwin Land Parkway can be funded on the basis of removing heavy traffic from the Main Street. It recommends Stage 1 and Stage 2 be conducted either continuously or concurrently.

Loyd Perin stated the need to monitor the proposed duplication of Lanyon Drive to ensure Roads to Recovery funding is actually used for this purpose.

e. Public Enquiry Tralee: Hugh Percy tabled the following motion:

“That in view of the inordinate delays in progressing the proposed Tralee development that QBC write to the Minister for Planning, Hon. Frank Sartor MP, with copies to local State Member Mr. Steve Whan MP and Queanbeyan City Council, requesting the expedition of a decision on the conduct of a public hearing or Section 119 Inquiry in connection with that proposed development”.

Resolved unanimously that the motion be carried **(HP/BB)** subject to the deletion of the words “a decision” in line 5 above. **Further resolved** that another letter be sent to expressing concern regarding planning inactivity by DIPNR in Queanbeyan. **Further resolved that** Media Releases be issued concerning matters.

Action HP

f. Future Direction of QBC: A workshop is required with QCC to discuss opportunity for a ‘home’ for future QBC administration.

Action: SMT

Group 2:

Report of Group 2 meeting was tabled and had been forwarded to all delegates prior to the meeting. (Copy attached to original minutes).

a. A membership pack has been prepared by Jan Browne with assistance from Geoff King of McNamee’s. This was tabled and a vote of thanks was recorded.

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b. Structure: Group 2 had determined that the current ‘large’ executive format had worked well for QBC and should be continued into the immediate future. Targeted representation from the following industries was recommended:

- Tourism, Retail, Cultural/Entertainment, Sport, Small (Micro) Business, Large Business, Development, Health and Defence.

The concept of ‘Chapters’ was discussed and will be further addressed by Group 2. There are currently two active ‘Chapters’ – Autonomous Water and Tourism.

c. CBD: Col Maxwell reported on CBD LIFT Committee meeting including an inspection of the Monaro Street ‘unofficial crossing’ between Riverside Plaza and Queanbeyan Leagues Club. Planter Boxes will be installed to deter pedestrians. It was understood that Council would seek a contribution from the Plaza and QLC for footpath improvements in this vicinity, however it appears these businesses are voluntarily covering the cost. Col Maxwell will raise this at the next CBD LIFT meeting.

7. Regional Infrastructure:

Lloyd Perin reported that Mr. John MacKay of ActewAGL advised late September he was to write to the Mayor with a proposal on Queanbeyan’s sewerage. He had been talking with Mr. MacKay about giving a presentation to the ACT Property Council.

Lloyd reported that he was concerned that there is some support within ACT in not supporting the ACT Government or its agencies providing infrastructure in the Region.

Resolved (LP/BB) that QBC representatives meet with Canberra Business Council and the Property Council representatives to seek their position on ‘Regionalism’.

Action IMcN – (please note that an appointment was made immediately following this meeting for Thursday, 20th October).

8. Web Site:

Hugh Percy introduced web designer James Grounds who presented his proposal on laptop. This will be available to executive members on www.queanbeyanbusinesscouncil.com.au within two weeks.

Recommended that a linking site be registered www.qbc.com.au to the main site.

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9. Next Quarterly Meeting and Future Speakers:

To be held at Queanbeyan Racecourse on Tuesday 15th November at 12.30 pm prior to the Racing Carnival, which starts at 2 pm. Light lunch will be provided and guest speakers will include Zero Waste Australia's Gerry Gillespie and a speaker from either SE Region Academy of Sport or Queanbeyan Racing Club.

Action GW

Note: there will be a \$20 attendance charge for this meeting. This charge will include lunch, room hire, tea/coffee and entry to the races.

10. Proposed Winter Waste Festival:

Ania Lian and Frank Bresnik introduced this proposal which will be further developed by Group 2. The concept is to hold a festival similar to (and in conjunction with) an annual event held in Ashburton NZ that is a significant tourism attraction. The event would coincide with Floriade.

Action FB/AL

11. General Business: nil

Meeting closed at 1.35 pm and was followed by a tour of Country Energy's new facility.

Next Meeting: Quarterly Network General Meeting Tuesday 15th November at Queanbeyan Racing Club (\$20 attendance fee applies – includes lunch and races).