

Gunnedah & District Chamber of Commerce & Industry Inc.  
Committee Meeting  
**MINUTES**  
Tuesday 31 March 2020  
Zoom Meeting

Invited: Juliana McArthur, Stacey McAllan, Treena Daniells, Angela McCormack, Tracie Finlay, Michael Broekman, Susan Frater, Amanda Heinemann

Apologies: Ashleigh Foster, Gerry McDonald, Tana Byrnes

Chair: Juliana McArthur

Meeting Opened at 6.02pm

Agenda Items:

**1. Minutes of previous meeting**

- a. Minutes from 17 March meeting Moved for acceptance Frater Seconded Broekman. Carried.
- b. Business and actions arising from previous minutes in General Business

**2. Presidents Update**

- a. Thank you to all Committee for meeting via Zoom in these COVID-19 times
- b. Two articles out in NVI last week and this week, post on Facebook, email blast to Members. Column in today's NVI top righthand corner of Page 3 good placement.
- c. Major impact of social distancing and issues with COVID-19 businesses closed – some good innovation in town, takeaway, online, opportunities to negotiate with landlords, some good signs for small & medium businesses in the Federal and State packages, some banking incentives and guarantees for loans
- d. A lot of frequent changes, a lot of information for people to have to digest and action
- e. Chamber Executive having daily phone call with Council Business Development team to assess and exchange information
- f. Chamber has the opportunity to provide input into what can be done to assist from all levels of Government and Council is particularly asking for input
- g. Impact on different parts of local economy – agriculture, mining, manufacturing, services, retail is noted

**3. Treasurer's Report**

- a. Balance sheet submitted Bank Balance \$44,380.59
- b. Expenses for approval Digital Pacific \$179 rolled into Secretary's reimbursement , AMH Bookkeeping up to \$300 moved Daniells second McCormack
- c. Update on bank account and credit card access
- d. Moved Daniells seconded Broekman acceptance of the Treasurers Report. Carried.

**4. Secretary's Report**

- a. Correspondence per Log – Requests to email members/ Events to attend
- b. Publicity – Facebook page and emails to members ongoing

**5. General Business**

- a. Idea from Michael to Council – how to better support local businesses in future, get all departments to review budgets and processes, maybe a CBD event, look to adopt a policy of language around advertising Localise, to ensure B2B in town, some kind of shovel ready programs ready to go when the new rounds of stimulus are available, design a program around what is available in town, should

- be making sure they are buying everything possible in Gunnedah, local procurement focus is vital, maybe increase weighting in procurement process for local suppliers
- b. Committee members contributed to a list of ideas for President to suggest to Council – see separate correspondence
  - c. Up to date information on JobSeeker and JobKeeper information ongoing
  - d. Request for guidance – Tracie Finlay as Christmas Fair Coordinator – too early to call but keep going for now – Moved Broekman seconded McAllan that we approve a portion of the Coordinator costs to be able to paid – Whitehaven has committed to \$4000 contribution – Invoice to be sent to Whitehaven by Treasurer and Tracie to invoice Committee as needed.
  - e. Next Meeting Tuesday 21 April 2020 by Zoom by 6pm
  - f. Emails to members – provide links and regular communication to all members when possible
  - g. Suggestion of Zoom meeting for Members for April Networking – Thursday 23 April
  - h. In future, request Tay Hudson, going really well with Business Brekky network, to be invited to be a guest speaker at networking event.

Meeting Closed – 7.16pm