

PRESENT

Members:

Councillor Peter Besseling (Mayor)
Councillor Trevor Sergeant (Deputy Mayor)
Bruce Hardy
Mitch McKay
Patricia Johnson
Graeme Cook
Deborah Hoffman
Noel Hoffman

Other Attendees:

Stewart Todd - PMHC Group Manager Governance & Executive Services
Jenny Mead - Corporate Events Co-ordinator

The Meeting opened at 4.33 pm.

01 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Acknowledgement of Country was delivered.

02 APOLOGIES

CONSENSUS

That the apologies from Mr Brian Peel and Ms Chantelle Dagger be noted and accepted.

03 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

CONSENSUS

That the Minutes of the Port Macquarie-Handa Sister City Sub-Committee Meeting held on 30 August 2012 be confirmed.

04 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest presented.

05 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Nil

06 INCOME AND EXPENDITURE REPORT 2012/2013

CONSENSUS

1. That the information in the Income and Expenditure Report for 2012/2013 be noted.
 2. That arrangements be put in place with Handa Higashi Senior High School to enable the electronic transfer of the necessary funds to cover the costs associated with the upcoming 2013 Study Tour.
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07 INVITATION FROM HANDA CITY COUNCIL TO ATTEND THE QUINQUENNIAL DASHI FESTIVAL IN OCTOBER 2012

Mr Bruce Hardy provided a brief overview of his experience attending the Dashi Festival in Handa Japan in October 2012. Mr Hardy also advised that the Mayor of Handa City Council has expressed interest in visiting Port Macquarie for the 25th Anniversary of the Sister City Agreement.

Mr Hardy also outlined to the Sub-Committee details relating to a recent trip to Handa by a Port Macquarie local man who currently serves in the armed forces.

Discussion took place regarding opportunities available to broaden our community's involvement with the Sister City Agreement including economic/sporting and technology exchange.

CONSENSUS:

1. That the information in the Invitation from Handa City Council to attend the Dashi Festival in October 2012 report be noted.
 2. That the information provided by Mr Bruce Hardy be noted.
 3. That the Committee members be forthcoming with ideas to provide an opportunity for the broader community to be involved with, and engaged in, the Port Macquarie-Hastings Council Sister City Agreement with Handa City Council and that these ideas be emailed through for inclusion in the Agenda for the next meeting of the Port Macquarie-Handa Sister City Sub-Committee.
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08 2013 STUDY TOUR HOST SCHOOL

CONSENSUS:

1. That the Sub-Committee note that MacKillop Senior College has accepted Council's offer to host the students from Handa Higashi Senior High School, Japan during their 2013 Study Tour to be conducted in J
 2. July/August 2013.
 3. That an invitation be extended to MacKillop Senior College for a representative to attend the next Port Macquarie-Handa Sister-City Sub-Committee meeting.
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09 PROPOSED INCLUSIONS IN UPCOMING 2013 STUDY TOUR

CONSENSUS:

That this matter be deferred until a representative from MacKillop Senior College attends the next Port Macquarie-Handa Sister City Sub-Committee Meeting.

10 RESIGNATION FROM SUB-COMMITTEE

The Mayor thanked all Sub-Committee members for their time and input provided.

Discussion took place regarding the filling of the vacancies on the Port Macquarie-Handa Sister City Sub-Committee.

CONSENSUS:

1. That the resignation tendered by Ms Louise Gibbs from the Port Macquarie-Handa Sister City Sub-Committee be accepted.
 2. That a letter of thanks for her time on the Port Macquarie-Handa Sister City Sub-Committee be prepared and forwarded to Ms Louise Gibbs.
 3. That Expressions of Interest be called to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Ms Louise Gibbs.
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11 SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE - 2013

CONSENSUS:

1. That the Port Macquarie-Handa Sister City Sub-Committee Meeting Schedule be set as 6 May 2013 (commencing at 4:00pm), 16 May 2013, 13 June 2013, 18 July 2013, 15 August 2013 (Debrief Meeting).
 2. That the meetings commence at 4:30pm unless otherwise notified.
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12 GENERAL BUSINESS

Mrs Patricia Johnson OAM thanked the members of the Sub-Committee for the condolences/flowers she received after the passing of her husband late last year.

Mrs Johnson also thanked Council for purchasing the gifts to be presented to the Mayor of Handa Council during the Hastings Koala Orchestra's upcoming visit to Handa in April 2013. A letter from Mayor Besseling to Mayor Sakakibara was given to Mrs Johnson to accompany the gifts to be presented to Handa.

Deputy Mayor Mr Trevor Sargeant requested consideration be given to the development of a Communication Strategy to allow for the showcasing of the Handa Sister City Agreement. This would provide the community and local business with a better understanding of what the Handa Sister City Agreement is and opportunities associated with it.

The Mayor and Mrs Johnson both thanked and expressed their appreciation to Mr Bruce Hardy for fulfilling the role as Chairperson of the Port Macquarie-Handa Sister City Sub-Committee over the last four years.

CONSENSUS:

1. An invitation be extended to all three Chambers of Commerce in the Port Macquarie Hastings Local Government area to have a representative join the Port Macquarie-Handa Sister City Sub-Committee.
2. That a report be presented to the Sub-Committee detailing the economic benefits flowing from the relationship between Port Macquarie and Handa City.

The Meeting closed at 5.53 pm.

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Peter Besseling
Mayor