

MINUTES OF THE CIVIL & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, 144 OTHO STREET, INVERELL ON
WEDNESDAY, 10 MAY, 2017, COMMENCING AT 8.30 AM.

PRESENT: Cr D F Baker (Chairperson), Crs P J Harmon, M J Peters, S J Berryman and J N McCosker.

Also in attendance: Crs J A Watts, C M Dight, P A King and A A Michael.

Paul Henry (General Manager), Brett McInnes (Director Civil and Environmental Services), Justin Pay (Manager Civil Engineering), Anthony Alliston (Manager Development Services), Michael Bryant (Manager Environmental Engineering) and Sharon Stafford (Executive Assistant).

SECTION A

APOLOGIES:

There were no apologies received.

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED (Harmon/Berryman) that the Minutes of the Civil and Environmental Services Committee Meeting held on 12 April, 2017, as circulated to members, be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting.

Cr Peters and Cr McCosker requested that their vote against the motion be recorded.

2. DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS/PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS

There were no interests declared.

3. PUBLIC FORUM S13.5.6/10

No members of the public were present.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Nil.

SECTION B
ADVOCACY REPORTS

MCE-A Cr McCosker

Delungra District Development Council (DDDC)

Cr McCosker advised that he represented Cr Watts at the last meeting of the DDDC. Issues raised included:

- Major drainage issues in the village during the recent heavy rain;
- Traffic speeding through the village, particularly trucks;
- Request for improvements to truck stops between Inverell and Delungra and the Gragin turn-off;
- Fox problem in the village;
- No guide post markers between Inverell and Delungra advising distance to Delungra;

- Request for strategic planting of 10-20 native trees;
- Request for “hump” which has developed on the intersection of Gwydir and Inverell Street to be investigated.

SECTION D DESTINATION REPORTS

MEE-A 1. DOG EXERCISE AREA S11.1.2

RESOLVED (Harmon/Peters) that the Committee recommend to Council that:

- i) Sinclair Park is not a location preferred by Council to establish a fenced, off-leash dog exercise area;*
- ii) Further investigations into an alternate site be carried out including costings.*

MCE-A 2. SAPPHIRE WIND FARM - ROAD DILAPIDATION DEED S28.27.2

RESOLVED (Peters/Berryman) that the Committee recommend to Council that the Sapphire Wind Farm, Road Dilapidation Deed (Inverell) be executed under the common seal of Council.

EXA-A 3. HERITAGE ADVISOR FUNDING S18.8.3/03

RESOLVED (Harmon/McCosker) that the information be noted and Mr Adam Marshall be thanked for his approaches in support of Council's Heritage program.

SECTION E INFORMATION REPORTS

1. WORKS UPDATE S28.21.1

RESOLVED (Berryman/Harmon) that the items contained in the Information Reports to the Civil & Environmental Services Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, 10 May, 2017, be received and noted.

SECTION F GENERAL BUSINESS

MCE-A Cr Dight Truck Stop

Cr Dight requested that consideration be given to the widening of the T intersection truck stop on the Bruxner Way at Yetman.

General Manager Tin Tot Bridge Replacement

The General Manager requested an update in respect of progress with the bridge replacement.

The Manager Environmental Engineering informed the Committee that the contractor is currently fabricating the bridge off-site. The contractor will be on-site for 3-4 weeks in early June to install the bridge. Subject to favourable weather conditions, the project should be completed by September, 2017.

MDS-A Cr Harmon Short Street Development

Cr Harmon noted a development in Short Street and queried whether the use was permissible in that particular zone. The Manager Development Services advised that the development is being

investigated.

General
Manager

Lake Inverell Reserve

The General Manager invited the Manager Environmental Engineering to table concept plans for a project at Lake Inverell comprising a boardwalk, viewing platform and an extension of paths, to promote greater accessibility, highlight environmental aspects and facilitate eco-tourism at the Reserve.

Council has expressed an interest in the Regional Growth – Environment and Tourism grant program to fund the project.

MCE-A Cr Baker

Amenities Block

Cr Baker advised that the amenities block in Sinclair Park is in need of maintenance and repairs.

Cr Baker

Leave of Absence

Cr Baker advised that she would be requiring a leave of absence for personal reasons for the July Committee meetings.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.25am.

CR D F BAKER

CHAIRPERSON