

MINUTES OF THE ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, INVERELL SHIRE COUNCIL, 144
OTHO STREET, INVERELL ON WEDNESDAY, 10 MAY 2017, COMMENCING AT
10.30AM.

PRESENT: Cr J A Watts (Chairperson), Crs P J Harmon, P A King, A A Michael
and C M Dight.

Also in attendance: Crs D F Baker, S J Berryman and J N
McCosker.

Paul Henry (General Manager), Brett McInnes (Director Civil and
Environmental Services) and Sharon Stafford (Executive Assistant).

SECTION A

APOLOGIES:

There were no apologies received.

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

*RESOLVED (Michael/Harmon) that the Minutes of the Economic and Community
Sustainability Committee Meeting held on 12 April, 2017 as circulated to members, be
confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting.*

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

There were no interests declared.

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Nil.

SECTION B
ADVOCACY REPORTS

Cr King Inverell Junior Soccer

Cr King praised the Inverell Junior Soccer Committee on conducting
a well run junior winter competition. It was noted that registrations for
the competition this year have increase by approximately 30 per cent
and the fields are in great shape following the recent rain.

Cr Dight ALGWA NSW Annual Conference

Cr Dight noted the Council was well represented at the Australian
Local Government Women's Association NSW Conference held in
Penrith from 4-6 May, 2017.

A report will be prepared by the delegates for consideration at the
May Ordinary Meeting.

Cr Harmon Blair Athol Day Spa

Cr Harmon advised that he attended the official opening of the Blair
Athol Day Spa on Saturday, 6 May, 2017. Cr Harmon congratulated
Kim and Pauline on delivering a quality project and hopes the Day
Spa is well supported.

Cr Harmon Inverell Hospital Redevelopment

Cr Harmon advised that both he and the General Manager met with Health Infrastructure NSW Senior Director and Project Manager for the redevelopment of the Inverell Hospital on Thursday, 4 May, 2017. An update on the project was provided, noting that the final business case is still subject to funding, as part of the normal budget planning cycle.

Cr Harmon North East Library Zone Meeting

Cr Harmon noted that he is looking forward to welcoming delegates to the Library Zone meeting being held at the Inverell Library on Thursday 11 May, 2017.

Cr Michael Events in Inverell

Cr Michael noted that the Inverell Golf Club will be hosting a Veterans Golf Carnival this weekend.

Cr Michael also noted that the Grafton to Inverell Cycle Race will be held this Saturday.

SECTION D
DESTINATION REPORTS

MIPR-A 1. REQUEST FOR SPONSORSHIP – INVERELL PARKRUN S12.22.1/10

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

- i) The course proposed by the Parkrun committee be approved as the “Inverell Parkrun Course”;*
- ii) A sum of \$2,500 be provided from Council’s community health initiatives budget to support the establishment costs of this new activity; and*
- iii) Council discuss ownership of the equipment with the Parkrun Committee.*

CSO-T 2. REQUEST FOR SPONSORSHIP – BHAWAA MIYAAY ABORIGINAL WOMEN’S RUGBY LEAGUE TEAM S12.22.1/10

RESOLVED (Michael/Harmon) that Ms Edwards be advised that the Committee recommend that Council is unable to support this initiative.

MDS-A 3. GRAMAN RESERVE – DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITY S15.8.2

RESOLVED (Michael/Dight) that the Committee recommend to Council that:

- i) The development opportunity be referred to the Graman Hall Committee seeking their comments prior to further consideration; and*
- ii) Further clarification from the Sapphire City Motor Sports Club be sought on the intended use of the proposed facility.*

SECTION E
INFORMATION REPORTS

1. FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICE LEVY (FESL) S12.13.1

RESOLVED (Michael/Dight) that the items contained in the Information Reports to the Economic & Community Sustainability Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, 10

May, 2017, be received and noted.

GM-A FIRE & RESCUE NSW INVERELL

Concerns were raised in respect of the full time retained Fire & Rescue Station Officer position for Inverell.

RESOLVED (Michael/Harmon) that the Committee recommend to Council that the Fire & Rescue Commissioner be requested to provide Council with an update in respect of future plans for the full time retained Station Officer position for Inverell.

SECTION F
QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

GM-A Cr Dight Bonshaw
MCS-A

Cr Dight provided the General Manager with a 'wish list' of matters to be considered for the village of Bonshaw.

The General Manager advised that he will bring the list of matters to the attention of Council, identifying whether outcomes can be achieved through existing maintenance notes or whether they are future delivery plan items.

Cr King also asked if the bitumen footpath along Texas Street, adjacent to the school, could be inspected and possibly repaired under the existing maintenance vote.

Cr Berryman Boundary Adjustment

Cr Berryman requested an update on the boundary adjustment issue between Inverell Shire Council and Armidale Regional Council.

The General Manager advised that Council has written to the Administrator of Armidale Regional Council requesting that he consider the requests from landowners in the Georges Creek / New Valley area to also be transferred to Inverell Shire Council.

A response has not been received to date in respect of this matter.

DCES-N Cr McCosker Orchard Place

Cr McCosker sought clarification in respect of the resolution adopted by Council at the April Ordinary Meeting. The Director Civil and Environmental Services advised that as per Res 27/17, Council will continue to monitor the level of service provided to road users on Orchard Place. The application of a dust suppressant will also be investigated and a report will be brought back to the Civil and Environmental Services Committee for consideration.

Cr Baker Special Rate Variation

Cr Baker requested an update on progress with Council's application for a Special Rate Variation. The General Manager advised that he received confirmation from IPART on Tuesday, 9 May, 2017 that Council's application had been approved in full.

SECTION H
GOVERNANCE REPORTS

MFS-N 1. MONTHLY INVESTMENT REPORT S12.12.2/09

RESOLVED (Michael/King) that:

- i) The report indicating Council's Fund Management position be received and noted; and*
- ii) The certification of the Responsible Accounting Officer be noted.*

DCS-N 2. QUARTERLY BUDGET AND OPERATIONAL PLAN REVIEW 2016/2017
MFS-N S12.5.1

RESOLVED (Harmon/Dight) that:

- i) Council's Quarterly Operational Plan and Budget Review for 31 March, 2017 be adopted; and*
- ii) The proposed variations to budget votes for the 2016/2017 financial year be adopted, providing an estimated cash surplus at 30 June, 2017 from operations of \$2,723.*

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 11.20am.

CR J A WATTS

CHAIRPERSON