

MINUTES OF THE ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE  
MEETING HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, INVERELL SHIRE COUNCIL, 144  
OTHO STREET, INVERELL ON WEDNESDAY, 8 FEBRUARY, 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, J N McCosker  
and M J Peters.

Paul Henry (General Manager), Ken Beddie (Director Corporate and  
Economic Services), Brett McInnes (Director Civil and Environmental  
Services) and Stephen Golding (Executive Manager Corporate and  
Community Services).

SECTION A

APOLOGIES:

There were no apologies received.

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

*RESOLVED (Harmon/Michael) that the Minutes of the Economic and Community  
Sustainability Committee Meeting held on 9 November, 2016 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 Harmon Australia Day Celebrations

Cr Harmon extended thanks to all Councillors that attended Australia  
Day celebrations across the Shire and congratulated the Australia  
Day Committee on all events organised. Cr Harmon advised that the  
Australia Day Ambassador was Mrs Robyn Moore; Robyn found the  
Inverell and Delungra communities to be very welcoming. Cr Harmon  
noted the following Australia Day award recipients;

- Inverell Citizen of the Year – Danny Middleton,
- Inverell Young Citizen of the Year – Hannah Wales,
- Community Event of the Year – Kurrajong Re-enactment  
March,
- Delungra Citizens of the Year – Con and Gail Mureau,
- Delungra Young Citizen of the Year – Chelsea Raw,
- Outstanding Sporting Achievement – June Hobday,
- Outstanding Service to Sport – Amanda Hawke,
- Young Achiever – Jesse Coote.

Cr Michael      Inspections

Cr Michael noted his recent inspections of the Service NSW building and the new tank at the Inverell Sewerage Treatment Plant.

Cr Dight      Australia Day - Yetman

Cr Dight noted that as part of the Yetman Australia Day celebrations the Yetman Recreation Oval was officially named the 'Terry Barnes Oval'. All Barnes family were present at the naming.

SECTION D  
DESTINATION REPORTS

1.      EXPIRING LICENCE AGREEMENT – BEVERLEY TURNER      S5.10.117

CSOP-A      *RESOLVED (Michael/Harmon) that the Committee recommends to Council that:*

- i)      Council renew the agreement with Beverley Turner for Part of Unformed Road, behind Council's Sewer Pump Station, Brewery Street, Inverell;*
- ii)      the licence agreement be for a two (2) year period with a further two (2) year option;*
- iii)      the Licence fee be \$62.00 per annum (GST Inclusive) with a 3% increase per annum; and*
- iv)      the Licence Agreement be subject to any other terms and conditions as negotiated by Council's General Manager.*

2.      MEMBERSHIP OF ABORIGINAL CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE  
S2.14.1

GM-A      *RESOLVED (Michael/Dight) that the Committee recommend to Council that:*

- i)      Council appoint representatives to the following positions on the Inverell Shire Aboriginal Consultative Committee for a period of two (2) years:*
  - *One (1) representative from Ashford Land Council.*
  - *One (1) representative from Anaiwan Land Council.*
  - *One (1) Aboriginal Elder (Chosen by NAIDOC Week Committee).*
  - *Four (4) members of the community.*
- ii)      the community members of the Committee comprise the following persons:*

*Gregory Livermore,*  
*Keira Edwards,*  
*Esther Gardiner,*  
*Darren Finn.*

3.      INVERELL COMMUNITY GARDEN RELOCATION      S11.15.18

GM-A      *RESOLVED (Harmon/Dight) that the Committee recommend to Council that:*

- i)      Council advise the Inverell Community Garden Committee that part Lot 7313 DP 1135965 will be made available as the site for the 'new community garden';*

- ii) *Council staff will provide advice to the Community Garden Committee to ensure the final concept for the garden meets all relevant legislative requirements; and*
- iii) *Council confirm that some funds will be available to assist with the costs of relocation of Community Garden assets.*

4. REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – INVERELL PIPE BAND INC.  
S3.7.5

CSOP-A *RESOLVED (Harmon/Dight) that the Committee recommend to Council that a donation in the amount of \$1500 be provided to assist the Band with tuition and costs associated with performing at events in the Inverell Local Government Area.*

5. REQUEST FOR REDUCTION ON WATER ACCOUNT (LISTING)  
S32.10.1/09

*RESOLVED (Harmon/Dight) that the matter be referred to Closed Committee for consideration as:*

- i) *the matters and information are ‘the personal hardship of any resident or ratepayer.’ (Section 10A(2)(b) of the Local Government Act, 1993);*
- ii) *on balance the public interest in preserving the confidentiality of the information outweighs the public interest in openness and transparency in Council decision-making by discussing the matter in open meeting; and*
- iii) *all reports and correspondence relevant to the subject business be withheld from access to the media and public as required by section 11(2) of the Local Government Act, 1993.*

6. REQUEST FOR REDUCTION IN TOWN HALL HIRE FEES – INVERELL  
MUSIC APPRECIATION GROUP INC. S12.22.1/10 & S5.24.4/10

CSOP-A *RESOLVED (King/Harmon) that the Committee recommend to Council that Council accede for the Group to utilise the Main Hall at a reduced fee, being that equivalent to the use of the Annex.*

7. SPONSORSHIP REQUEST – BORDER BRANCH STOCK HORSE  
CHALLENGE S12.22.1/10

CSOP-A *RESOLVED (Harmon/King) that the Committee recommend to Council that Council provide a donation of \$200 as per Council’s Donations Policy.*

8. IN-KIND DONATION REQUEST - INVERELL MEDIEVAL FESTIVAL INC.  
S12.22.1/10

CSOP-A *RESOLVED (Michael/King) that the Committee recommend to Council that:*

- i) *Council provide two (2) gazebos for use at the Festival; and*
- ii) *the gazebos be collected by the Festival Committee on Friday afternoon and returned on Monday morning.*

SECTION E  
INFORMATION REPORTS

1. 2017/2018 RATE PEG S2.7.2

*RESOLVED (Harmon/Michael) that the items contained in the Information Reports to the Economic & Community Sustainability Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, 8 February 2017, be received and noted.*

SECTION F  
QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

DCES-A    Cr King                      Bicentennial Memorial                      S21.8.30

Cr King noted the condition of the Memorial and asked if Council can investigate options to improve its appearance due to the weathering.

Cr Dight                      Bats - Yetman

Cr Dight asked if there is any assistance available to control bats in Yetman.

Director Civil & Environmental Services, Mr Brett McInnes provided information in this matter.

DCES-A    Cr Dight                      Heavy Vehicle Access                      S30.9.11

Cr Dight enquired about the signed 'No B-Double access on the local roads of Yetman.

Cr Dight asked if a review of B-Double routes in the Shire can be undertaken, including options to deal with local transport movements. Cr Dight also asked if the road network could be reviewed to show what roads can possibly meet the technical standard required to be classified as B-Double routes.

The Director Civil & Environmental Services, Mr Brett McInnes to provide a report to the next Committee Meeting, including a map of current B-Double routes.

SECTION H  
GOVERNANCE REPORTS

1.            GOVERNANCE - MONTHLY INVESTMENT REPORT                      S12.12.2/10

*RESOLVED (Harmon/Michael) that the Committee recommend to Council 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.*

2.            QUARTERLY BUDGET AND OPERATIONAL PLAN REVIEW 2016/2017  
S12.5.1/10

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

- i)            Council's Quarterly Operational Plan and Budget Review for 31 December, 2016 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.*

SECTION G  
CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS IN CLOSED COMMITTEE  
(SECTION 10A(2) OF THE *LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1993*)

At 11.30am, the Chairperson offered the opportunity to members of the public to make representations as to whether any part of the Committee Meeting should not be considered in Closed Committee. There was no response from the public.

## CLOSED COMMITTEE REPORTS

*RESOLVED (Harmon/Michael) that the Committee proceed into Closed Committee to discuss the matters referred to it, for the reasons stated in the motions of referral.*

Upon resuming Open Committee, at 11.32am, the Chair verbally reported that the Committee, with the Press and Public excluded, having considered the matters referred to it, recommends as follows:

1.	REQUEST FOR REDUCTION ON WATER ACCOUNT	S32.10.1/09
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DC-A *That the Committee recommend to Council that:*

- i) *the report be received; and*
- ii) *Council issue an amended account of \$273.08 for the last quarter based on the average consumption of accounts prior to the leak and write off \$312.72.*

## ADOPTION OF RECOMMENDATION

*RESOLVED (Harmon/King) that the recommendation from Closed Committee be adopted.*

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 11.32am.

CR J A WATTS

CHAIRPERSON