

MINUTES OF THE ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, INVERELL SHIRE COUNCIL, 144 OTHO STREET, INVERELL ON WEDNESDAY, 12 APRIL, 2017, COMMENCING AT 10.45AM.

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) and Brett McInnes (Director Civil and Environmental Services).

SECTION A

APOLOGIES:

There were no apologies received.

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED (Michael/Dight) that the Minutes of the Economic and Community Sustainability Committee Meeting held on 8 March, 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 Dight Local Government Finance Training

Cr Dight provided an outline of the training undertaken by Cr Watts and herself. The focus of the training was Council's Financial Statements, with an emphasis on understanding the role of depreciation in the financial results recorded by councils.

SECTION C
COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. PUBLIC ART SUNSET COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES – 23 FEBRUARY 2017 S26.5.10

RESOLVED (Michael/Dight) that:

- i) the Minutes of the Public Art Sunset Committee Meeting held on Thursday, 23 February, 2017, be received and noted; and*
- ii) the following recommendation of the Public Art Sunset Committee be considered by Council:*

1. BLUE FACETS SCULPTURE

That an estimate of cost be prepared for the construction of an interpretive didactic area in Bicentennial Park for the sculpture, 'Blue Facets'.

2. KURRAJONG POPPIES

That Council accepts the conditional quote of \$1,200 to repaint the poppies sculpture.

3. PUBLIC ART PROJECT

That the following actions be undertaken:

- i) Council investigate the use of the concrete outer walls of the Bicentennial Memorial as an 'artist's canvas';*
- ii) The surface of the walls be inspected to ascertain suitability for this project; and*
- iii) The method of selecting an artist/s be considered at the next meeting of the Committee.*

SECTION D
DESTINATION REPORTS

CSOT-A 1. DONATION REQUEST – INVERELL ANGLERS ASSOCIATION S15.8.7/09

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

- i) A donation of \$500.00 for the purchase of trout fingerlings be provided to the Inverell Anglers Association; and*
- ii) The Association be thanked for their work.*

CSOT-A 2. EXPIRING LICENCE AGREEMENTS S5.10.52 & S5.10.137

- 1. Licence Agreement, Joseph and Samone Bell - Lot 10, DP 1123056, Taylor Avenue, Inverell

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

- i) Council renew the agreement with Joseph and Samone Bell for a further two (2) year period with a further two (2) year option under the same terms and conditions;*
- ii) The licence fee be \$622.40 (inclusive of the 3% increase on 16/17 figure) per annum (GST Inclusive) with a 3% increase per consecutive annum; and*
- iii) The Licence Agreement be subject to any other terms and conditions as negotiated by Council's General Manager.*

- 2. Licence Agreement, Mr Colin Moore, Part Unformed Laneway Adjacent to Lot 1, DP 161692 and Lot 5, Sec 8, DP 448428, Inverell

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

- i) Council renew the agreement with Mr Colin Moore for a further two (2) year period with a further two (2) year option under the same terms and*

conditions;

- ii) The licence fee be \$212.18 (inclusive of the 3% increase on 16/17 figure) per annum (GST Inclusive) with a 3% increase per consecutive annum; and*

The Licence Agreement be subject to any other terms and conditions as negotiated by Council's General Manager.

GM-A 3. BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT WITH ARMIDALE REGIONAL COUNCIL S13.1.1

RESOLVED (Harmon/Dight) that:

- i) The boundary adjustment I between Armidale Regional Council and Inverell Shire Council proposed by the Armidale Regional Council Administrator, consisting of approximately 800km², be accepted;*
- ii) The Minister for Local Government and the Member for Northern Tablelands be advised of Council's concurrence to the proposed boundary adjustment;*
- iii) The process of distributing assets and liabilities be by a mutually agreed process;*
- iv) The State Government be requested to meet the costs of implementing the boundary adjustment;*
- v) The approaches from the residents residing outside the survey area that expressed a wish to be included in the boundary adjustment process be acknowledged. Further, that the Administrator of Armidale Regional Council be requested to consider their wishes. Still further, that the residents be advised to press their view with the Administrator and Mr Marshall, MP.*

MFS-A 4. AASB 124 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS S4.14.4/03

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

- i) Council adopt the Key Management Personnel (KMP) - Related Party Transactions Policy; and*
- ii) Council's Key Management Personnel, in accordance with section 10 of the policy, complete section 1 of Attachment C and return to Council's Responsible Accounting Officer by 10 May, 2017.*

DCS-A 5. VOLUNTEER RESCUE ASSOCIATION EMERGENCY RADIO FACILITY S10.10.3

RESOLVED (Harmon/King) that noting the valuable service the Inverell VRA provides to the Community, the Committee recommend to Council that:

- a) The Inverell VRA be granted a Licence to access to Council's Uambi Radio Repeater Site;*
- b) The annual Licence Fee be \$1.00 per year, payable on request; and*
- c) The licence be subject to any other appropriate terms and conditions as determined by the General Manager.*

6. DA 181/2016 - DISCUSSION WITH DEVELOPER DA-181/2016

RESOLVED (Michael/Dight) that the matter be referred to Closed Council for consideration as:

- i) The matters and information are 'commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed, prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.' (Section 10A(2)(d)(i) 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.*

MFS-A 7. 2017/2018 DRAFT ESTIMATES AND OPERATIONAL PLAN, AND LONG TERM FINANCIAL PLAN S12.5.3

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

- a) The information of Budget Background Matters be noted; and*
- b) The outcome of the application of the FFF Benchmarks to the Long Term Financial Plans be noted.*

GENERAL ACTIVITIES

1. Revenue and Expenditure Matters

RESOLVED (Michael/Dight) that the Committee recommend to Council that Council utilises the maximum permissible rate increase allowed by IPART of 1.5% on top of the 4.75% 2017/18 SRV increase.

2. Budget Programs

2.1 Urban Works Program

RESOLVED (Harmon/Dight) that the Committee recommend to Council that the following works be funded from the Urban Works Vote and be included in the 2017/2018 Budget:

A. Inverell and Villages - Urban Renewal and Upgrade General Fund, Water Fund

Gwydir Highway/Bundarra Road Intersection	\$ 500K
	\$ 0K

B. Footpaths and Cycleway Construction

\$ for \$ Contribution to PAMP Program (RMS approved the 2017/2018 Program)	\$ 30K
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C. Urban Drainage Construction/Reconstruction

*Drainage Constructions – Funded from Stormwater
Management Service Charge – See separate section below*

D. Village Works – Community suggested projects

Ashford	\$	7K
Delungra	\$	7K
Gilgai	\$	5K
Yetman	\$	7K
Oakwood	\$	1K
Bonshaw	\$	1K
Graman	\$	1K
Nullamanna	\$	1K
Elsmore	\$	1K
Stannifer	\$	1K
Gum Flat	\$	1K

GENERAL FUND GRAND TOTAL

\$ 563K

WATER FUND TOTAL

\$ 0K

In addition, the \$1M Budget Provision – Chester Street Heavy Vehicle Route Renewal, in the Internally Restricted Asset, be allocated into the 2017/2018 Budget to enable these works to be completed at the same time.

2.2 Finance and Assistance Grant – Local Roads Component (ACRD) 2017/2018 Program

RESOLVED (Michael/King) that Committee recommend to Council that the following works be funded from the Urban Works Vote and be included in the 2017/2018 Budget:

- i) The budget allocations for the 2017/2018 ACRD Program be noted; and*
- ii) A further report be presented to the Civil and Environmental Services Committee in respect of the funding allocations and individual works proposed to be undertaken under this program.*

2.3 RMS Supplementary Block Grant Program

RESOLVED (Michael/King) that the Committee recommend to Council that the allocation of the \$160K RMS Supplementary Block Grant Program be the subject of a further report to the Civil and Environmental Services Committee Meeting.

2.4 Roads to Recovery Program

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

- i) The budget allocation for the 2017/2018 Roads to Recovery Program be endorsed; and*
- ii) A further report be presented to the Civil and Environment Committee in respect of the specific projects to be funded.*

2.5 Block Grant Program – Regional Roads

RESOLVED (Michael/King) that the Committee recommend to Council that the allocation for the 2017/2018 Block Grant Program for the various activities on the Regional Road Network be endorsed.

3. Rating Structure

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

- a) The following rating categories be utilised for the 2017/18 rating year:*

b) A General Base Amount of \$198 plus an Ad Valorem Rate be determined for the categories detailed in a) above.

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

- ## 5. Waste Management Charges

i)	Waste Management Charge – All Properties	\$ 80.00
ii)	Domestic Waste Management - Occupied Charge:	

iii) Domestic Waste Management – Unoccupied Charge	\$50.00
iv) Other Waste Management Charge	

Number of Services	Yearly Charge per Service (Ex GST)
1	\$ 320.00
2	\$ 640.00
3	\$ 960.00
4	\$ 1,280.00
5	\$ 1,600.00
6	\$ 1,920.00
7	\$ 2,240.00
8	\$ 2,560.00
9	\$ 2,880.00
10	\$ 3,200.00
11	\$ 3,520.00
12	\$ 3,840.00
13	\$ 4,160.00
14	\$ 4,480.00
15	\$ 4,800.00
	etc

- d) Weekly Commercial Recycling Charge \$ 110.00 ex GST
 Fortnightly Commercial Recycling Charge \$ 55.00 ex GST
 (These Charge are levied per Service, and GST is only charged if applicable)

6. Fees & Charges

RESOLVED (Harmon/King) that the Committee recommend to Council that the Fees and Charges, as recommended, be adopted.

7. Stormwater Management Service Charge

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

- i) The Stormwater Management Service Charge be set at the maximum amount allowable of \$25.00 per Residential Premises, \$12.50 per Residential Strata lot, and \$25.00 for Business Premises for each 350 square metres or additional part thereof, subject to a maximum charge on Business Premises of \$150.00; and
- ii) The Stormwater Management Program as recommended being Gilgai Drainage be adopted.

8. Summary

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

- i) The report on the balanced budget under the FFF Roadmap 14.25% SRV Scenario (4.75% plus a rate peg increase for 2017/18) be noted;
- ii) The draft Estimates (incorporating the Operational Plan) for the General Activities for 2017/2018 be adopted and placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days as required by Section 405 of the Local Government Act 1993.

SEWERAGE ACTIVITIES

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

- (i) The Sewerage Charges as listed below be adopted for 2017/2018:

Sewerage Charge Occupied \$ 500.00

<i>Sewerage Charge Unoccupied</i>	<i>\$ 313.00</i>
<i>Sewerage Charge Flats/Units</i>	<i>\$ 313.00</i>
<i>Sewerage Charge Nursing Homes</i>	<i>\$2,342.00</i>

<i>Sewerage Charge Hotel/Licenced Clubs</i>	<i>\$1,500.00</i>
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<i>Number of Services per Assessment</i>	<i>Annual Charge Per Assessment</i>
1	\$ 500.00
2	\$ 813.00
3	\$1,126.00
4	\$1,439.00
5	\$1,752.00
6	\$2,065.00
7	\$2,378.00
8	\$2,691.00
9	\$3,004.00
10	\$3,317.00
11	\$3,630.00
12	\$3,943.00
13	\$4,256.00
14	\$4,569.00
15	\$4,882.00

<i>Sewerage Non-Rateable Schools – WC's</i>	<i>\$75.00 per receptacle</i>
<i>Sewerage Non-Rateable Other – WC's</i>	<i>\$124.40 per receptacle</i>
<i>Sewerage Non-Rateable Urinals</i>	<i>\$ 75.00 per receptacle</i>

Charge Structure for Motels and Caravan Parks

In accordance with the new charge structure for Motels and Caravan Parks the following charges are proposed for 2017/2018.

<i>Motel Residence</i>	<i>\$ 500.00</i>
<i>Motel Restaurant</i>	<i>\$ 500.00</i>
<i>Motel Ensuite</i>	<i>\$ 156.60</i>
<i>Caravan Park Residence</i>	<i>\$ 500.00</i>
<i>Caravan Park Amenities Block</i>	<i>\$1,500.00</i>
<i>Caravan Park Ensuite Cabins</i>	<i>\$ 156.60</i>

- (ii) The Draft Estimates (incorporating Operational Plan) for the Sewerage Fund for 2017/2018 be adopted and placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days as required by Section 405 of the Local Government Act 1993.*

WATER ACTIVITIES

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

- i) A water availability base charge of \$364.00 per assessment (Includes first water meter) be adopted for 2017/2018;*
- ii) A water charge of \$364.00 per additional water meter, per assessment be adopted for 2017/2018;*
- iii) A charge of \$1.48 per kilolitre be adopted for commercial water consumption for 2017/2018;*
- iv) A charge of \$1.48 per kilolitre, 0 to 600 kilolitres and \$1.73 per kilolitre over 600 kilolitres be adopted for residential water consumption for*

2017/2018;

- v) A charge of \$0.78 per kilolitre be adopted for water consumption - Abattoirs, plus a 20 per cent early settlement discount for 2017/2018;
- vi) A charge of \$1.05 per kilolitre be adopted for Sporting Association water consumption;
- vii) A charge of \$1.48 per kilolitre be adopted for Guyra Shire Council water consumption;
- viii) A charge of \$0.38 per kilolitre adopted for Raw Water consumption for 2017/2018; and
- ix) The draft Estimates (incorporating Operational Plan) for the Water Fund for 2017/2018 be adopted and placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days as required by Section 405 of the Local Government Act, 1993.

EMCS-A 8. INCLUSION (DISABILITY) ACTION PLAN S3.16.4

RESOLVED (Michael/King) that the Committee recommend to Council that the Draft Inclusive (Disability) Action Plan be placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days.

SECTION E
INFORMATION REPORTS

1. VILLAGES UPGRADE/DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS S12.5.3

RESOLVED (Harmon/King) that the items contained in the Information Reports to the Economic & Community Sustainability Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, 12 April, 2017, be received and noted.

SECTION H
GOVERNANCE REPORTS

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

RESOLVED (Michael/Harmon) 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.*

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

At 12.40pm, 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/King) 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 12.47pm, the Chair verbally reported that the

Committee, with the Press and Public excluded, having considered the matters referred to it, recommends as follows:

GM-A 1. DA 181/2016 - DISCUSSION WITH DEVELOPER DA-181/2016

The Committee recommend to Council that:

- a) The information be noted;*
- b) The purchase price of \$58,000 for part Lot 71 DP997840 be offered be confirmed as detailed in the report;*
- c) The purchase price be subject to any other terms and conditions as negotiated with the General Manager;*
- d) The Common Seal of Council be affixed to the contract for sale of part Lot 71 DP 997840; and further*
- e) The land be classified as 'Operational Land'.*

ADOPTION OF RECOMMENDATION

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

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 12.49pm.

CR J A WATTS

CHAIRPERSON