

MINUTES OF THE ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, INVERELL SHIRE COUNCIL, 144 OTHO STREET, INVERELL ON WEDNESDAY, 8 MARCH, 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 (King/Michael) that the Minutes of the Economic and Community Sustainability Committee Meeting held on 8 February, 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

The following interests were declared:

- Cr Watts declared a non-pecuniary interest in Section D, Destination Reports, Item 1, 'Inverell District Family History Group' proposal. The nature of the interest relates to Cr Watts being an ad hoc volunteer of this group.

SECTION B
ADVOCACY REPORTS

Cr Michael Community Safety Precinct Committee Meeting

Cr Michael recently attended a Community Safety Precinct Committee Meeting. At this meeting local drug issues were discussed, including the major drug Ice. It was advised that there is an increasing trend of issues relating to the usage and impacts of Ice in the community.

Cr Michael advised that a new Police Domestic Violence Officer is now stationed at Armidale.

Cr Michael noted that there appears to be no definitive answer regarding the upgrade of Inverell Police Station. Inverell Police staffing levels are currently stable.

Cr Dight Cultural Committee Meeting

Cr Dight noted the Cultural Committee are to develop an Inverell Cultural Group Plan that will be submitted to Council for consideration and possible inclusion in Inverell Shire Council's

Cultural Plan.

Cr Watts Delungra Fundraiser for Logan Taylor

Cr Watts advised of the successful fund raiser, monster raffle and auction, which were recently held at Delungra in support of Logan Taylor.

SECTION D
DESTINATION REPORTS

DCS-A 1. INVERELL DISTRICT FAMILY HISTORY GROUP (IDFHG) PROPOSAL S3.6.1/10

Having previously declared a non-pecuniary interest in this matter, Cr Watts did not participate in the vote in respect of this matter.

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

- i) Council provide 'in principle' support for the proposal,*
- ii) A Sunset Committee be established to consider the infrastructure and operation issues and form a position in respect of these issues and that this position include the preparation of a draft Memorandum of Understanding for Council's consideration,*
- iii) The Sunset Committee consult with the IDFHG during its deliberations,*
- iv) Cr Baker be a member of the Sunset Committee, and*
- v) Council seeking funding opportunities for the capital cost.*

CSOT-A 2. DONATION REQUEST – DELUNGRA SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB S12.22.1

RESOLVED (Michael/Dight) that as per Council policy, a donation of \$200.00 be granted.

3. NATIONAL TRANSPORT MUSEUM S8.5.9

RESOLVED (Harmon/Michael) 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.*

SECTION E
INFORMATION REPORTS

1. TOURISM AND MARKETING UPDATE S8.12.4/05

2. 2016 GENERAL REVALUATION OF LAND VALUES S25.12.11

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

SECTION F
QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

Cr Baker Inverell Library 3-D Printer

Cr Baker advised the Committee of the Library's procurement of a 3D Printer and an iPhone Virtual Reality Headset.

The Library will be launching a display of this new equipment on Thursday, 16 March, 2017.

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

At 11.05am, 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 (Michael/Harmon) 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 11.27am, the Chair verbally reported that the Committee, with the Press and Public excluded, having considered the matters referred to it, recommends as follows:

DCS-A 1. NATIONAL TRANSPORT MUSEUM S8.5.9

That the Committee recommend to Council that:

- i) Option 2 be adopted being a 50% reduction in the License Fee for a period of two (2) years commencing from 1 July, 2016, with the License Period to be extended by a further 12 months to recoup this amount; and*
- ii) The matter be reviewed in 12 months time and include a review of the Museum's Financial Results.*

ADOPTION OF RECOMMENDATION

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

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 11.28am.

CR J A WATTS

CHAIRPERSON