

MINUTES OF THE ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, INVERELL SHIRE COUNCIL, 144 OTHO STREET, INVERELL ON WEDNESDAY, 11 OCTOBER, 2017, COMMENCING AT 11.15AM.

PRESENT: Cr P J Harmon (Chairperson), CrS J A Watts, 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), Brett McInnes (Director Civil and Environmental Services) and Sharon Stafford (Executive Assistant).

SECTION A

APOLOGIES:

There were no apologies received.

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON

The General Manager advised Councillors of the requirements of Council's Meeting Code and the need to elect a Chairperson for the next one (1) year term.

The General Manager advised Councillors of the entitlement under the Code for the Mayor to Chair Committee Meetings. Cr Harmon declined to exercise the right to Chair the Meeting, inviting the General Manager to call for nominations for the position of Chairperson.

The General Manager called for nominations for the position of Chairperson:

Cr King nominated Cr Watts.

Cr Watts being the only nomination was declared Chairperson for the ensuing one (1) year period.

At this juncture the time being 11.20am Cr Watts assumed the Chair.

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

*RESOLVED (Harmon/Michael) that the Minutes of the Economic and Community Sustainability Committee Meeting held on 13 September, 2017 as circulated to members, be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting.*

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

There were no interests declared.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Boundary Adjustment Armidale Regional Council S13.1.1

Cr Harmon noted that the newly elected Mayor of Armidale Regional Council is not in favour of the proposed Tingha boundary adjustment and would like to further test that hypothesis.

*RESOLVED (Harmon/Michael) that the Committee recommend to Council that Council offer assistance to the Tingha Progress Association in garnering the views of the*

*residents affected by the proposed boundary adjustment which may result in the Progress Association preparing a submission to Armidale Regional Council.*

SECTION D  
DESTINATION REPORTS

CSO-P 1. EXPIRING LICENCE AGREEMENT – MR D PRIEST & MS K NICHOLSON  
S5.10.95

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

- i) Council renew the agreement with Mr D Priest and Ms K Nicholson for Part Lot 112, DP 753277, Rifle Range Road, Inverell;*
- ii) Council grant permission to graze a portion of the lot,*
- iii) The licence agreement be for a five (5) year period with a five (5) year option;*
- iv) The Licence fee be \$140.55 per annum (GST Inclusive) with a 3% increase per annum; and*
- v) The Licence Agreement be subject to any other terms and conditions as negotiated by Council's General Manager.*

EMCCS-A 2. PROPOSED 'COD CASH' PROMOTION S8.12.12

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

- a) Council develop the concept to capitalise on conducting an amateur 'Cod Cash' Promotion which considers, but is not limited to, proposed entry fee, sponsors still contributing if fish is not caught; registrations for the event only available through local business houses; and*
- b) A report is brought back to the Committee for consideration.*

CSO-P 3. REQUEST TO LICENCE LAND – O'CASS S5.10.54

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

- i) Council enter into a Licence Agreement with Mr Nathan O'Cass for Lot 89, DP 754847, Little Plain Recreation Reserve, for a two (2) year period with a further two (2) year option;*
- ii) the Licence fee be \$403.14 per annum (GST Inclusive) with a 3% increase per annum; and*
- iii) the Licence Agreement be subject to any other terms and conditions as negotiated by Council's General Manager.*

CSO-P 4. DONATION REQUEST – INVERELL SHOW SOCIETY 150 YEAR ANNIVERSARY S15.8.7/09

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

- a) Council enter into discussions with the Inverell Show Society regarding the possibility of sponsoring a particular event on program; and*
- b) A report be brought back to the Committee for consideration.*

5. REQUEST FOR REDUCTION ON WATER ACCOUNT – RAINE & HORNE

(LISTING) S32.10.1/10

*RESOLVED (Harmon/Michael) 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 ON WATER ACCOUNT – DEVLIN (LISTING)  
S32.10.1/10

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- 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. GRANTS TO VILLAGES AND RURAL AREAS – RECREATIONAL /  
CULTURAL GRANT 2017-18 S15.8.6/10

*RESOLVED (Michael/Dight) that the items contained in the Information Reports to the Economic & Community Sustainability Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, 11 October, 2017, be received and noted.*

SECTION F  
QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

Cr Harmon Copeton Freshwater Swim 2018

Cr Harmon advised that he had been approached to consider becoming the major sponsor for the 2018 event. Cr Harmon confirmed that a formal approach will be made to Council.

GM-A General Manager National Disability Incentive Scheme (NDIS) S3.16.4

The General Manager briefed the Committee on feedback received from a number of people impacted by the NDIS.

The General Manager asked the Committee if they believe Council

has a role to play in expressing to the Department the concerns of people affected by the Scheme.

Noting that the Committee confirmed an appetite to explore the issues with focus groups to identify if there are any organisations interested in undertaking an advocacy role in respect of this matter, the General Manager confirmed he will continue to further explore the issues and keep the Committee briefed.

#### SECTION H GOVERNANCE REPORTS

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

*RESOLVED (Harmon/Michael) 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 11.58am, 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 12.10pm, the Chair verbally reported that the Committee, with the Press and Public excluded, having considered the matters referred to it, recommends as follows:

DC-A 1. REQUEST FOR REDUCTION ON WATER ACCOUNT – RAINE & HORNE S32.10.1/10

*The Committee recommend to Council that:*

- i) The report be received and noted; and*
- ii) Council issue an amended account of \$155.03 for the last quarter based on the average consumption of accounts prior to the leak, and write off \$1338.82.*

DC-A 2. REQUEST FOR REDUCTION ON WATER ACCOUNT – DEVLIN S32.10.1/10

*The Committee recommend to Council that:*

- i) The report be received and noted;*
- ii) Council issue an amended account of \$184.26 for the last quarter based on the average consumption of accounts prior to the leak and write off \$681.39.*

ADOPTION OF RECOMMENDATION

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

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 12.12pm.

CR J A WATTS

CHAIRPERSON