

MINUTES OF THE ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE  
MEETING HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, INVERELL SHIRE COUNCIL, 144  
OTHO STREET, INVERELL ON WEDNESDAY, 13 SEPTEMBER, 2017,  
COMMENCING AT 11.43AM.

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), 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 (King/Michael) that the Minutes of the Economic and Community Sustainability Committee Meeting held on 9 August, 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 Yetman Public School 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary S2.13.2

The event was a strong success and well supported by the wider Community.

Cr Michael Inverell Cultural Group S26.8.1

Cr Michael and Cr Dight attended a workshop of the group to review the Cultural Plan.

CSOT-N Cr Michael Junior Touch Football Competition S5.24.2/10

Cr Michael has been advised that the Junior Touch competition will be returning to the Sports Complex.

Cr Michael Park Run S12.22.1/10

Cr Michael noted the commencement of the Park Run initiative and that 150 people participated in the first event.

Cr Michael      Hospital Redevelopment S7.2.12

Cr Michael advised that approximately 100 people attended the Hospital Redevelopment Information Sessions.

Cr Michael      Intersection Upgrades – Mansfield Street S28.10.INI44

Cr Michael advised the Committee that funding has been received for safety upgrade works for three intersections in Mansfield Street.

Cr Michael      R U OK Chamber of Commerce Event S8.5.3

Cr Michael noted the recent Chamber of Commerce and Industry R U OK seminar.

Ms Meg Percival delivered the program which was well received.

Cr Michael      CSPC Meeting S2.7.1

Cr Michael attended the meeting on behalf of the Mayor.

A wide range of issues were discussed.

SECTION D  
DESTINATION REPORTS

1.      INVERELL DISTRICT FAMILY HISTORY GROUP PROPOSAL –  
PROGRESS REPORT S3.6.1/10

GM-A      *RESOLVED (Harmon/Michael) that:*  
MLS-N

- i)      *The MOU be adopted and the General Manager be duly authorised to complete the MOU and take the required actions, and;*
- ii)     *The required building upgrade and ancillary works be funded from the Buildings Internally Restricted Asset and Library Projects Grants.*

2.      FIT FOR THE FUTURE ROADMAP – ACTION PLAN S13.1.2

DCS-N      *RESOLVED (Michael/Harmon) that the information be received and noted.*

3.      PROPOSED WATER CONNECTION FEE PAID BY DEVELOPERS ON  
FULLY SERVICED SUBDIVISIONS S32.12.6

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

- i)      *Council introduce a new fee – Water Service Connection where 20mm service line & riser constructed by developer - Payable by Developer at time of Subdivision Release, effective from 1 July 2017.*
- ii)     *The new fee include the cost to Council of supplying and installing a 20mm water meter plus the provision of a meter cover to the developer to place over the water service line riser as protection, and*
- iii)    *The new fee be set at \$245 for 2017/18 and reviewed annually as part of Councils fees and charges policy.*

4. BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT - ARMIDALE REGIONAL COUNCIL - UPDATE S13.1.1

GM-A *RESOLVED (Michael/Dight) that:*

- a) *That the information be noted,*
- b) *That the Minister for Local Government be requested to include the following provision in the proclamation governing rates and charges:*
  - (1) *Appropriate arrangements are to be made in relation to the rates and charges over the rateable parcels of land affected by this Proclamation. The General Manager of Armidale Regional Council and the General Manager of Inverell Shire Council are to reach a negotiated agreement on the nature of those arrangements.*
  - (2) *In the event that the General Managers of Armidale Regional Council and Inverell Shire Council cannot come to a negotiated agreement on the matter of rates and charges, the Minister for Local Government will make a determination on that matter.*

*Such a determination may be made:*

- i) *by referral to the Minister for Local Government by Armidale Regional Council or Inverell Shire Council or by both of the Councils; or*
- ii) *without referral from the Councils, if the Minister for Local Government is satisfied that the matter of rates and charges cannot be determined by Agreement between the Armidale Regional Council and Inverell Shire Council, or if the Minister is not satisfied with the agreement between the Councils.*
- (3) *That each Council be responsible for meeting their costs for any procedure necessary to give effect to the boundary adjustment.*
- (4) *That the policy position of the State Government not to meet any costs associated with the boundary adjustment be noted. Further, that this policy position not impede the boundary adjustment process.*

5. ABORIGINAL ELDERS OLYMPICS - INVERELL S12.22.1

Cr King advised that a planning day for this event will be held next week and that the organisers have asked him to attend.

Cr King will submit a report on this planning day.

EXA-A *RESOLVED (King/Dight) that;*

- i) *The information be noted; and,*
- ii) *Further information be sought in this matter.*

6. REQUEST FOR SPONSORSHIP – INVERELL SWIMMING CLUB S12.22.1/10

CSOP-A *RESOLVED (Michael/Dight) that Council provide a donation of \$200 in this matter noting the contribution made to the local economy by the Club's Regional Carnival.*

7. COUNCILLOR EXPENSES AND FACILITIES POLICY S13.6.4

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

- i) Council adopt the Policy on Councillor Expenses and Facilities in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act, 1993; and*
- ii) such policy be made available for inspection by members of the public.*

SECTION F  
QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

General Manager Tingha Caravan Park S14.18.6/10

The General Manager noted discussions with the Department of Lands in respect of the operation of this facility and that the caretaker had left.

GM-A *RESOLVED (Michael/Harmon) that the Committee recommend to Council that Council advise the Department of Lands that;*

- i) Council is not prepared to takeover the Tingha Caravan Park with immediate effect,*
- ii) The department should proceed to fill the vacant caretakers position; and*
- iii) Council discuss the future management arrangements with a view to finalising a position on the management of the reserve by 1 July, 2018.*

Cr Dight Yetman Bat Issue S11.9.1/10

DCES-A Cr Dight noted that the bat colony had left the area. Cr Dight requested an update of how the area can now be rehabilitated.

Cr King R U OK Day S24.5.3

Cr King advised that the R U OK Day function is to be held in Victoria Park tomorrow, 14 September, 2017, and encouraged Councillors to attend.

SECTION H  
GOVERNANCE REPORTS

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

MFS-N *RESOLVED (Michael/Harmon) 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.*

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 12.31pm.

CR J A WATTS

CHAIRPERSON