

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF INVERELL SHIRE COUNCIL HELD IN  
THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, ADMINISTRATIVE CENTRE, 144 OTHO STREET,  
INVERELL ON WEDNESDAY, 24 MAY, 2017, COMMENCING AT 3 PM.

**PRESENT:** Cr P J Harmon (Mayor) [Chairperson], Crs D F Baker, A A Michael, C M Dight, P A King, J N McCosker, S J Berryman, J A Watts and M J Peters.

Director Civil & Environmental Services (Brett McInnes) and Sharon Stafford (Executive Assistant).

**SECTION A**

**APOLOGIES** **S13.6.9/10**

Nil.

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES** **S13.5.2/10**

***32/17 RESOLVED*** (Berryman/Baker) *that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 26 April, 2017, as circulated to members, be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting.*

**DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS/PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS**

There were no interests declared.

**PUBLIC FORUM** **S13.5.6/10**

At this juncture, the time being 3.05pm, the Mayor welcomed the members of the public and opened the Public Forum Session by inviting members of the public to speak. The Mayor confirmed that there were no members of the public registered to speak at the Public Forum Session.

At this juncture, the time being 3.06pm, the Public Forum Session closed and Council resumed the balance of the Agenda.

**SUPPLEMENTARY SECTION B  
ADVOCACY REPORTS**

***33/17 RESOLVED*** (Dight/Baker) *that the Supplementary Section B Advocacy Report be considered.*

1. **ALGWA CONFERENCE 2017** **S4.3.1**

***34/17 RESOLVED*** (Dight/Baker) *that the Report be received and noted.*

**SECTION B  
ADVOCACY REPORTS**

Cr Michael **Inverell Lions Club**

Cr Michael congratulated the fundraising efforts of the Inverell Lions Club which enabled the purchase of 12 defibrillators for use as required at various locations and sporting fields throughout Inverell. The devices are a great asset for our community.

	Cr Baker	<u>New England North West Zone Library Meeting</u>  Cr Baker noted the meeting held on 11 May, 2017 and hosted at the Inverell Library. It was noted that some delegates chose to participate in the meeting via video-conferencing. Cr Baker thanked the Mayor for welcoming delegates to Inverell for the meeting.
	Cr King	<u>Inverell Dance Eisteddfod</u>  Cr King noted the success of the Inverell Dance Eisteddfod held at the Inverell Town Hall on 16 – 22 May, 2017.
CSO-T-N	Cr Berryman	<u>Inverell Pioneer Village</u>  Cr Berryman advised that the Inverell Pioneer Village reconvened their Annual General Meeting. Cr Berryman was pleased to advise that Andrew Fuller was elected as president, and Kevin Dunn and Des Retallack were elected vice presidents. It was noted that a new caretaker has commenced and is largely responsible for how great the Village is currently looking.
	Cr Michael	<u>Inverell Sporting Complex</u>  Cr Michael noted that the refurbished Clubhouse was officially opened on 16 May, 2017 and expressed his appreciation to the contractors and the Council staff responsible for delivering another premier sporting facility.
EXA-A	Cr Watts	<u>Delungra District Development Council (DDDC)</u>  Cr Watts informed Council that Peter McCarthy, President of the DDDC, is still recovering following a recent fall. Cr Watts also expressed appreciation for the Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service.  <b>35/17 RESOLVED</b> (Watts/Michael) that a 'get well' card be forwarded to Peter McCarthy following his recent mishap.
	Cr Harmon	<u>Inverell Sporting Complex</u>  Cr Harmon noted the completion of the Clubhouse project and acknowledged the \$930,000 contribution from the State Government under the ClubGrants Category 3 program. Cr Harmon noted the final product is a credit to the builders and the Council staff responsible and highlights the Council's ability to deliver on grant funding opportunities.
EXA-A	Cr Harmon	<u>Bonshaw Branch Country Women's Association (CWA)</u>  Cr Harmon noted his attendance at the 90 <sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations of the Bonshaw Branch of the CWA, which was celebrated on 17 May, 2017 with a High Tea at the Bonshaw Hall. Cr Harmon congratulated the Bonshaw Branch on their 90 years on continued support for the Bonshaw community.  <b>36/17 RESOLVED</b> (Michael/Dight) that a letter of appreciation be forwarded to the Bonshaw Branch of the Country Women's Association.

**SECTION C  
COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**1. CIVIL & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES –  
10 MAY 2017 S4.11.16/09**

**37/17 RESOLVED** (Baker/King) that:

- i) *The Minutes of the Civil & Environmental Services Committee Meeting held 10 May, 2017, be received and noted; and*
- ii) *The following recommendations of the Civil & Environmental Services Committee be adopted by Council:*

EXA-A                      1.     DOG EXERCISE AREA             S11.1.2

*That:*

- i) *Sinclair Park is not a location preferred by Council to establish a fenced, off-leash dog exercise area;*
- ii) *Further investigations into an alternate site be carried out, including costings.*

MCE-N                      2.     SAPPHIRE WIND FARM - ROAD DILAPIDATION DEED  
S28.27.22

*That the Sapphire Wind Farm, Road Dilapidation Deed (Inverell) be executed under the common seal of Council.*

GM-A                      3.     HERITAGE ADVISOR FUNDING             S18.8.3/03

*That the information be noted and Mr Adam Marshall be thanked for his approaches in support of Council's Heritage program.*

**2. ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING  
MINUTES – 10 MAY 2017**

**38/17 RESOLVED** (Watts/Michael) that:

- i) *The Minutes of the Economic & Community Sustainability Committee Meeting held 10 May, 2017, be received and noted; and*
- ii) *The following recommendations of the Economic & Community Sustainability Services Committee be adopted by Council:*

MIPR-A                      1.     REQUEST FOR SPONSORSHIP – INVERELL PARKRUN  
S12.22.1/10

*That:*

- i) *The course proposed by the Parkrun committee be approved as the "Inverell Parkrun Course";*
- ii) *A sum of \$2,500 be provided from Council's community health initiatives budget to support the establishment costs of this new activity; and*
- iii) *Council discuss ownership of the equipment with the Parkrun Committee.*

CSO-T-A                      2.     REQUEST FOR SPONSORSHIP – BHAWAA MIYAAY ABORIGINAL  
WOMEN'S RUGBY LEAGUE TEAM             S12.22.1/10

*That Ms Edwards be advised that Council is unable to support this initiative.*

GM-A 3. GRAMAN RESERVE DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITY S15.8.2

*That:*

- i) The development opportunity be referred to the Graman Hall Committee seeking their comments prior to further consideration; and*
- ii) Further clarification from the Sapphire City Motor Sports Club be sought on the intended use of the proposed facility.*

GM-A 4. FIRE & RESCUE NSW INVERELL

*That the Committee recommend to Council that the Fire & Rescue Commissioner be requested to provide Council with an update in respect of future plans for the full time retained Station Officer position for Inverell.*

DCS-N 5. MONTHLY INVESTMENT REPORT S12.12.2/09  
MFS-N

*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.*

DCS-N 6. QUARTERLY BUDGET AND OPERATIONAL PLAN REVIEW  
MFS-N 2016/2017 S12.5.1

*That:*

- i) Council's Quarterly Operational Plan and Budget Review for 31 March, 2017 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.*

3. INVERELL LIQUOR CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES – 2  
MAY 2017 S19.9.1

**39/17 RESOLVED** (Baker/Watts) *that the Minutes of the Inverell Liquor Consultative Committee Meeting held Tuesday, 2 May, 2017, be received and noted.*

**SECTION D  
DESTINATION REPORTS**

CSO-T-N 1. INVERELL FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY S3.6.5

**40/17 RESOLVED** (Baker/Michael) *that:*

- (i) The information be received and noted; and*
- (ii) The following persons be authorised as office bearers of the Inverell Friends of the Library Committee:*

<i>President:</i>	<i>Mrs Bev Parlevliet</i>
<i>Vice President:</i>	<i>Mrs Kathy Hunt</i>
<i>Secretary:</i>	<i>Ms Nancy Wilkins</i>
<i>Assistant Secretary:</i>	<i>Mrs Anna Morse</i>

Treasurer: Mrs Jill Burtenshaw  
Publicity Officer: Mrs Anna Morse  
Archive Recorder: Mrs Anna Morse

- EXA-A 2. LOCAL GOVERNMENT REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL DETERMINATION  
MFS-A S13.6.4

**41/17 RESOLVED** (Watts/Dight) that an increase of 2.5% in fees for Mayors and Councillors be applied for the 2017/2018 financial year as recommended by the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal.

Crs Peters, McCosker and King requested that their votes against the motion be recorded.

- GM-A 3. CENTENARY OF ANZAC PROGRAM - SOIL COLLECTION PROJECT  
S14.18.6/10

**42/17 RESOLVED** (Watts/Berryman) that Council advise the NSW Department of Veteran Affairs of its willingness to be involved in assisting the soil collection team of the Centenary of ANZAC Program.

- GM-N 4. ABORIGINAL LAND CLAIMS S5.2.3

**43/17 RESOLVED** (Michael/Berryman) that the actions taken in respect of notifying the Aboriginal Land Claim Investigation Unit that a number of sites have been identified as being lawfully used and occupied, needed for an existing public purpose or needed for residential lands be received and noted.

5. 2017/18 FEDERAL BUDGET SUMMARY S14.5.2

**44/17 RESOLVED** (Michael/Baker) that the information be received and noted.

#### SECTION E INFORMATION REPORTS

1. PHILIPPINE INDEPENDENCE DAY S2.2.4
2. INVERELL PUBLIC OPEN SPACE STRATEGY S18.6.63
3. CONSTRUCTION CERTIFICATES APPROVED FOR  
APRIL 2017 S7.2.4/10
4. COMPLYING DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATES APPROVED DURING APRIL  
2017 S7.2.4/10
5. SUMMARY OF BUILDING CONSTRUCTION FOR APRIL 2017 S7.2.4/10
6. DEVELOPMENT CONSENTS AND REFUSALS DURING APRIL 2017  
S18.10.2/10
7. SEPTIC TANK APPROVALS FOR APRIL 2017 S29.19.1
8. ORDINANCE ACTIVITIES REPORT FOR APRIL 2017 S18.10.1
9. STRATEGIC TASKS – 'SIGN OFF' APRIL 2017 S4.13.2
10. QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE – APRIL 2017 S13.5.5/09

**45/17 RESOLVED** (Baker/Michael) that the items contained in the Information Reports to the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Wednesday, 24 May, 2017, be received and noted.

**SECTION F  
QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE**

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| AC-A | <b>QWN/ORD 12/17</b><br>Cr Baker | <u>Street Lighting</u><br><br>Cr Baker reported that the street lights positioned over the crossing in Sweaney Street, adjacent to Woolworths, are not working and kindly requested that Council staff log the outage.  |
| GM-N | <b>QWN/ORD 13/17</b><br>Cr Dight | <u>Leave of Absence</u><br><br>Cr Dight request a leave of absence for the June 2017 Ordinary Meeting of Council, as she will be absent from the area for personal reasons.<br><br><b>46/17 RESOLVED</b> (Michael/Baker) that Cr Dight be granted a Leave of Absence for the June, 2017, Ordinary Meeting for personal reasons. |

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 3.44pm.

CR P J HARMON

CHAIRPERSON