

MINUTES OF THE CIVIL & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, 144 OTHO STREET, INVERELL ON  
WEDNESDAY, 11 FEBRUARY, 2015, COMMENCING AT 8.30 AM.

PRESENT: Cr H N Castledine (Chairperson), Crs A A Michael, B C Johnston,  
P J Harmon and D C Jones.

Also in attendance: Crs J A Watts, D F Baker and P J Girle.

Paul Henry (General Manager), Brett McInnes (Director Civil and Environmental Services), Ken Beddie (Director Corporate and Economic Services), Stephen Golding (Executive Manager Corporate and Community Services), Anthony Alliston (Manager Development Services) and Justin Pay (Manager Civil Engineering).

APOLOGIES:

There were no apologies received.

SECTION A

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

*RESOLVED (Harmon/Michael) that the Minutes of the Civil and Environmental Services Committee Meeting held on 12 November, 2014, 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. PUBLIC FORUM S13.5.6

There were no members of the public present to speak.

SECTION B  
ADVOCACY REPORTS

Cr Harmon

Sapphire City Festival

Cr Harmon advised of a recent meeting of the Sapphire City Festival Committee. This was the first meeting of the 2015 Committee with all previous officers returning to positions. Cr Harmon noted that Ann Clydsdale and Peter Caddey are joint secretary's and that the Committee are considering a Halloween Themed festival to be held on 31 October, 2015.

Cr Harmon

Myall Creek Memorial Committee

Cr Harmon advised that he and Paul Henry attended a meeting of the Myall Creek Memorial Committee. The Committee are considering a major development, inclusive of a building, at the Myall Creek Memorial Site; one that has stand alone historical significance. The Committee are seeking 'in principle support' from Council and are seeking to apply for grant funding collaboratively with Inverell and Gwydir Shire Council's for their proposed development.

Cr Harmon

Fit for the Future Program

Cr Harmon advised of his and Paul Henry's attendance at the recent Meeting held by Guyra Council which was also attended by Council Representatives from Tenterfield, Glen Innes, Armidale, Warialda and Uralla. Guyra Shire Council had invited consultants for the purpose of exploring options to support Guyra's FFF Roadmap. Their proposal was for a Super Council involving the amalgamation of all the Council's that had been invited to the meeting.

Cr Jones

Men's Probus Club – Inverell

Cr Jones advised he attended the Men's Probus Club Meeting to explain NBN Co.

Cr Michael

Australia Day – Ashford

Cr Michael advised he attended the Ashford Australia Day Celebrations as the Council Representative.

Cr Castledine

Australia Day – Inverell

Cr Castledine advised he attended the Inverell Australia Day Celebrations as the Council Representative.

Cr Johnston

Thank you

Cr Johnston passed on his thanks to Council and staff for their well wishes following his recent injury.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Nil.

SECTION D  
DESTINATION REPORTS

1. NORTH WEST WEIGHT OF LOADS - MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT  
S28.11.1

MCE-A *RESOLVED (Michael/Johnston) that the Committee recommend to Council that the 2015-2020 North West Weight of Loads Inter-Council Memorandum of Agreement be executed under the Common Seal of Council.*

2. SHIRE ENTRY SIGN TEXAS ROAD - CONCEPT DESIGNS S28.9.19

MCE-A *RESOLVED (Harmon/Johnston) that the Committee recommend to Council that 'Option 2' be accepted with suggested font change.*

3. INVERELL CRITERIUM S28.27.1/08

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

- i) Council approve the temporary road closure of the block bounded by Byron, Lawrence, Sweaney and Vivian Streets between 2pm and 5pm on Saturday, 21 March, 2015 to facilitate the Inverell Cycle 'n' Tri Club Criterium; and*
- ii) the applicants be responsible for the costs associated with the closure consistent with Council's adopted fee schedule.*

SECTION E  
INFORMATION REPORTS

1. ASHFORD WATER TREATMENT PLANT PCG MEETING MINUTES –  
27 NOVEMBER 2014 S5.9.12
2. ASHFORD WATER TREATMENT PLANT PCG MEETING MINUTES –  
13 JANUARY 2015 S5.9.12
3. STREET LIGHT UPGRADE S15.8.44/04
4. 2014/2015 BITUMEN RESURFACING PROGRAM S28.21.1
5. WORKS UPDATE S28.21.1
6. STORM EVENT - JANUARY 2015 S28.21.1
7. RESIDENT CORRESPONDENCE REGARDING LANDSCAPING OPTIONS  
FOR OTHO AND BYRON STREETS S30.11.4

*RESOLVED (Harmon/Michael) that the items contained in the Information Reports to the Civil & Environmental Services Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, 11 February, 2015, be received and noted.*

Cr Michael requested that staff be congratulated for the budget savings made in relation to Section E, Item 4 – ‘2014/2015 Bitumen Resurfacing Program’.

SECTION F  
GENERAL BUSINESS

Cr Harmon Local Development

Cr Harmon advised that he has had discussions with Developers Australia Wide and that the feedback about Inverell Shire Council was extremely positive. There was a common theme amongst the Developers that Inverell Shire Council staff were extremely helpful with providing a high level of service throughout the development process. Cr Harmon wished to congratulate Council staff on the level of service they provide.

Cr Michael Nullamanna Road

It was noted that the issues raised by Mr Goddard regarding Nullamanna Road have been resolved.

Cr Castledine Delungra Road

The concerns expressed by Mr Tim Lloyd in respect of the Delungra Road were noted.

Cr Baker War Memorial

Cr Baker commented on the War Memorial at the Inverell Memorial Pool.

Manager Development Services, Anthony Alliston advised the Committee of the program of works and the source of funding.

Cr Baker            Library 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Cr Baker advised the Committee of the Library's up coming 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration.

Cr Johnston       CBD Upgrade

Cr Johnston questioned when the next stage of the CBD Upgrade would commence.

Director Civil and Environmental Services, Brett McInnes advised of the program schedule that is annual budget based.

MDS-A       Cr Girle            Property Inspections and Certification                                S7.9.3

Cr Girle raised a matter regarding the level of inspections and certification of properties in respect of fire safety. The Director Civil and Environmental Services, Brett McInnes explained how Certificates, at time of purchase, are issued by Council. Mr McInnes advised that Council states whether or not an order will be served within a fixed period to rectify matters associated with a building. Manager Development Services, Anthony Alliston will hold further discussions with Cr Girle to ascertain details of the issue in question.

CSOP-A       Cr Jones            Electronic Business Papers                                S13.5.4/08

Cr Jones questioned whether the appendices could accompany the report as opposed to being at the end of the section now that the business papers are electronic.

At this juncture, the time being 10.07am, Director Civil and Environmental Services, Brett McInnes left the meeting.

General            Elsmore Common Road  
Manager

Residents have approached Council regarding issues associated with the existing gate on the road.

The General Manager informed the Committee that the *Roads Act, 1993* allows for a gate to be erected on a public road based on consent of the roads authority. The Elsmore Common Trustees are responsible for the gate.

The General Manager has indicated to the residents that Council is prepared to be a part of the solution to the issue. Council will work with the residents and the Trust to resolve the issues raised.

At this juncture, the time being 10.11am, Director Civil and Environmental Services, Brett McInnes returned to the meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 10.14am.

CR H N CASTLEDINE

CHAIRPERSON