

MINUTES OF THE CIVIL & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, 144 OTHO STREET, INVERELL ON  
WEDNESDAY, 10 FEBRUARY, 2016, COMMENCING AT 8.30 AM.

PRESENT: Cr A A Michael (Chairperson), Crs B C Johnston, P J Harmon, J A Watts, D F Baker and P J Girle.

Also in attendance: 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).

SECTION A

APOLOGIES:

Apologies were received from Crs Jones and Castledine for personal reasons.

*RESOLVED (Michael/Johnston) that the apologies from Crs Jones and Castledine for personal reasons be noted.*

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

*RESOLVED (Michael/Baker) that the Minutes of the Civil and Environmental Services Committee Meeting held on 11 November, 2015, 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 S13.5.6/08

There were no members of the public present to speak.

Suspension of Standing Orders

At this juncture, the time being 8.35am, the Chairperson sought agreement to suspend Standing Orders to welcome Mr Ed Mounsey, Chief Operating Officer of CWP Renewables. Mr Mounsey provided the Committee with an update on the Sapphire Wind Farm.

Resumption of Standing Orders

At this juncture, the time being 9.35am, Standing Orders resumed and the Committee considered the balance of the Agenda.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Nil.

SECTION B  
ADVOCACY REPORTS

Cr Harmon Kurrajong Re-enactment

Cr Harmon congratulated the Committee and thanked all persons involved in delivering a sensational event.

Australia Day Committees

Cr Harmon thanked the Australia Day Committee members and those involved in the days events. Council will facilitate a joint meeting with the Australia Day Committees in the Inverell LGA.

Governor General Visit

Cr Harmon advised that he will be hosting a Civic Reception for the Governor General and Lady Cosgrove on Thursday, 18 February, 2016 at the Inverell Town Hall.

Sapphire City Festival

Cr Harmon advised that the Sapphire City Festival Committee AGM was held last night. All office bearers returned to their positions except the Secretary whom is now Anka McMahon. The finale of the 2016 Inverell Sapphire City Festival, including the crowning of the new queen, will be held 22 October, 2016.

SECTION D  
DESTINATION REPORTS

1. PROMOTION OF HERITAGE CONSERVATION IN THE INVERELL SHIRE  
S18.6.36 & S15.8.15/08

DP-A *RESOLVED (Girle/Watts) that the Committee recommend to Council that:*

- i) *the 2016/17 Budget Meeting consider increasing the Heritage Conservation Budget to \$20K; and*
- ii) *a review of the Heritage Grants criteria and process be undertaken.*

2. PETITION – CONDITION OF UNSEALED SECTION OLD BUNDARRA ROAD  
S28.10.SR214

MCE-A *RESOLVED (Michael/Girle) that the Committee recommend to Council that:*

- i) *the concerns raised by residents of Old Bundarra Road be acknowledged;*
- ii) *Council confirm the status of the Old Bundarra Road as a collector road in accordance with its road hierarchy classification;*
- iii) *the road continue to be inspected and maintained in accordance with Council policy, in line with the classification as a collector road; and*
- iv) *the author of the petition be formally advised of Council's decision.*

3. PETITION – GILGAI PEDESTRIAN CROSSING S30.9.6

MCE-A *RESOLVED (Watts/Baker) that the Committee recommend to Council that:*

- i) *the information be received and noted;*
- ii) *an investigation into the safety of the Gilgai crossing be conducted;*
- iii) *a further report be presented to the Civil and Environmental Services Committee at the conclusion of investigations; and*
- iv) *the author of the petition be kept informed of progress in the matter.*

SECTION E  
INFORMATION REPORTS

1. WORKS UPDATE S28.21.1/09
2. 2014-2015 LOCAL DEVELOPMENT MONITORING REPORT  
S18.6.11

*RESOLVED (Baker/Watts) that the items contained in the Information Reports to the Civil & Environmental Services Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, 10 February, 2016, be received and noted.*

SECTION F  
GENERAL BUSINESS

- Cr Watts Delungra Community - Thank You
- Cr Watts passed on Mr Peter McCarthy's appreciation for Council's prompt attention to the fallen tree in the Delungra Park.
- Cr Baker Ashford Australia Day Celebrations
- Cr Baker thanked Council on behalf of Helen Hilton of the Lions Club of Ashford for having the Australia Day Ambassador attend their celebration.
- Equestrian Council
- On behalf of the Equestrian Council, Cr Baker thanked Council for the new shade structures.
- Anthony Alliston Bindaree Beef Project Update
- Bindaree Beef has indicated that the Bio Digester and Render Plant project is scheduled to commence in the coming months.
- Animal Boarding and Breeding Establishment
- Council is continuing to monitor the situation and will continue to work closely with the RSPCA.
- Telecommunications Tower
- Manager Development Services advised that Council staff are continuing to liaise with a telecommunications company in respect of increased telecommunication services in the CBD locality.
- Director Civil & Environmental Services Village Landfills
- Director Civil & Environmental Services, Mr Brett McInnes advised that the Graman and Gum Flat landfills are the last to be closed. The landfills will be closed as of 1 March, 2016.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 10.48am.

CR A A MICHAEL

CHAIRPERSON