

MINUTES OF THE CIVIL & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, 144 OTHO STREET, INVERELL ON  
WEDNESDAY, 08 APRIL, 2015, COMMENCING AT 8.33 AM.

PRESENT: Cr H N Castledine (Chairperson), Crs A A Michael, 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), Justin Pay (Manager Civil Engineering) and Anthony Alliston (Manager Development Services).

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 11 March, 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

There were no members of the public present to speak.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Nil.

SECTION B  
ADVOCACY REPORTS

Cr Jones

Easter Period Rainfall Issues

Cr Jones raised the issues associated with the heavy rainfall received over the Easter Weekend. The Tintop Bridge was closed for 18 hours as the water was two (2) metres over the bridge and the Three Mile Bridge was closed for 12 hours.

Manager Civil Engineering, Mr Justin Pay provided an update and discussed road closures caused by the heavy rainfall over this period. Mr Pay also reported on the damage to Council assets such as roads, culverts and bridges as a result of the excessive rainfall.

Manager Development Services Memorial Upgrade for the Anzac Centenary

Manager Development Services, Mr Anthony Alliston provided the Committee with an update of the Memorial in front of the Inverell Pool. The partnership with the Returned Servicemen's Club has attributed to the success of the project. The project remains on track for completion prior to Anzac Day.

Cr Girle

Concerned Inverell Ratepayer's Association (CIRA)

Cr Girle advised that he attended the CIRA meeting after the March Council Meeting. Cr Girle suggested that the Mayor attend future CIRA meetings. The Mayor advised that Council is open to discussions and that this has been a transparent process.

Cr Jones commented on the CIRA and their apparent views, inclusive of the significance of the trees. Cr Jones advised that he presented his version of the Town Centre Renewal Plan after a CIRA meeting.

The General Manager advised of a recent meeting with the representative of the CIRA. It was requested that the CIRA have input in the Arborist Peer Review brief and that the CIRA be allowed to provide agenda items.

1. MEETING WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF CONCERNED INVERELL RATEPAYER'S ASSOCIATION (CIRA) S30.11.4

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

- i) *a suitably qualified Arborist be engaged to provide a peer review of the recommendations contained in the original Arborist's report;*
- ii) *the brief for the Peer Review be "Council is seeking the services of a minimum AQF Level 5 qualified and experienced Consulting Arborist to undertake an independent peer review of the recommendations regarding the long term management of London Plane trees in Otho and Byron Street, Inverell as contained in the "Tree Report" prepared by Mr Mark Hartley on 23 April, 2012. The review shall include an onsite general inspection of the subject trees."; and*
- iii) *the Concerned Inverell Ratepayer's Association be advised of Council's position.*

SECTION D  
DESTINATION REPORTS

1. PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE PROTECTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT OPERATIONS (CLEAN AIR) REGULATION 2010 TO ENHANCE THE WOOD HEATER FRAMEWORK S11.12.2

ECC-A *RESOLVED (Michael/Jones) that the Committee recommend to Council that Council not elect to introduce an additional framework of controls for wood heaters under the proposed amendment to the Regulations.*

2. SWIMMING POOL INSPECTION PROGRAM S7.9.2/08

BS-A *RESOLVED (Harmon/Jones) that the Committee recommend to Council that the proposed Swimming Pool Inspection Program be endorsed.*

3. REQUEST TO SUPPORT NAMING OF 'HAYES GULLY' - BEDWELL DOWNS ROAD S28.13.2

DP-A *RESOLVED (Jones/Michael) that the Committee recommend to Council that Council support the name "Hayes Gully" for the watercourse within Lot 6 DP 750091, along Bedwell Downs Road.*

4. REGIONAL ROADS REPAIR PROGRAM - ADDITIONAL FUNDING  
S15.8.22

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

- i) Council accept the offer of additional Repair Program Funding; and*
- ii) the suggested amendments to the Works Program be approved.*

#### SECTION E INFORMATION REPORTS

1. RENEWAL OF NSW ROAD MANAGER DELEGATION – HEAVY VEHICLE  
ACCESS PERMITS S30.9.11
2. WORKS UPDATE S28.21.1
3. SPEED ZONE CHANGES - MULTIPLE LOCAL ROADS S30.9.5
4. NORTH WEST WEIGHT OF LOADS - LEVEL OF SERVICE S28.11.1
5. URALLA SHIRE COUNCIL – ABINGTON BRIDGE S6.8.9

*RESOLVED (Jones/Michael) that the items contained in the Information Reports to the Civil & Environmental Services Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, 8 April, 2015, be received and noted.*

#### SECTION F GENERAL BUSINESS

Cr Harmon New England Group of Councils (NEGOC) Formation

Cr Harmon informed the Committee of the recent formation of NEGOC, an organization formed to foster cooperation between member Councils. At the inaugural meeting, Cr Harmon was elected as the Chair until the September Mayoral Election; Cr Bishop was elected Deputy Chair.

The Group recorded the following base functions for NEGOC:

- a) Regional Strategic Planning.
- b) Intergovernmental Collaboration.
- c) Regional Advocacy.
- d) Facilitate the exchange of knowledge between members.
- e) Collaborate on improved delivery of services.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.44am.

CR H N CASTLEDINE

CHAIRPERSON