

MINUTES OF THE CIVIL & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, 144 OTHO STREET, INVERELL ON  
WEDNESDAY, 11 MARCH, 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) and Anthony Alliston (Manager  
Development Services).

APOLOGIES:

There were no apologies received.

SECTION A

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

*RESOLVED (Michael/Harmon) that the Minutes of the Civil and Environmental  
Services Committee Meeting held on 11 February, 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 Watts International Women's Day

Cr Watts informed the Committee of the International Women's  
Day that was held at the Inverell Art Gallery on 8 March, 2015.  
There were 48 attendees with the themes being 'Make it Happen'  
and 'What do you want to happen in Inverell?' Cr Watts will submit  
a future report advising of the information gathered from the  
event.

Cr Harmon Inverell NBN Rollout

Cr Harmon and Cr Jones met with Senator John Williams  
regarding the NBN rollout. A Telstra representative advised that  
the exchange isn't capable as yet. Senator Williams will be  
meeting with representatives of the NBN rollout to find out the  
actual issue surrounding the Township of Inverell.

Cr Harmon                      Inverell Hospital Redevelopment

Cr Harmon informed the Committee of the funding announcement for the Inverell Hospital. NSW Deputy Premier, Troy Grant announced a \$30M commitment to redevelop the Inverell Hospital if the Baird Government is re-elected.

Cr Harmon                      Sites Inspections – Funding Allocation

Cr Harmon and the Member of Northern Tablelands, Adam Marshall inspected the sites for the successful grant funding of \$191K for Waste Transfer Station and \$300K for Missing Links – footpaths and cycle ways.

SECTION D  
DESTINATION REPORTS

1.      EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST INVERELL PUBLIC OPEN SPACE STRATEGY (LISTING)                      S18.6.63

*RESOLVED (Harmon/Michael) that the matter be referred to Closed Council for consideration as:*

- i)        the matters and information are 'commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed, prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.' (Section 10A(2)(d)(i) of the Local Government Act, 1993);*
- ii)       on balance the public interest in preserving the confidentiality of the information outweighs the public interest in openness and transparency in Council decision-making by discussing the matter in open meeting; and*
- iii)      all reports and correspondence relevant to the subject business be withheld from access to the media and public as required by section 11(2) of the Local Government Act, 1993.*

SECTION E  
INFORMATION REPORTS

- 1.      ASHFORD WATER TREATMENT PLANT PCG MEETING MINUTES – 17 FEBRUARY 2015                      S5.9.12
- 2.      BRUXNER WAY BRIDGES                      S15.8.48
- 3.      WORKS UPDATE                      S28.21.1

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

SECTION F  
GENERAL BUSINESS

Cr Harmon                      Inverell Toughen Up Challenge

Cr Harmon passed on his congratulations to the organising Committee of the Inverell Toughen Up Challenge that took place on 7 March, 2015. The event includes obstacle activities and was a success whilst also promoting health.

Cr Baker            Inverell Equestrian Centre

Cr Baker advised of the working bee held at the Inverell Equestrian Centre last weekend. The day consisted of commencing replacement of the old wooden fence with a steel fence. Cr Baker congratulates the people who assisted. It was noted that Council provided the materials for this project.

Cr Baker            International Women's Day

Cr Baker noted a suggestion raised at the International Women's Day, that a female Councillor become a representative to assist women in finding suitable support and services within the community.

SECTION G  
CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS IN CLOSED COMMITTEE  
(SECTION 10A(2) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1993)

At this juncture, the time being 9.18am, Cr Jones left the meeting.

At 9.18am, the Chairperson offered the opportunity to members of the public to make representations as to whether any part of the Committee Meeting should not be considered in Closed Committee. There were no members of the public present to respond.

CLOSED COMMITTEE REPORTS

At this juncture, the time being 9.19am, Cr Jones returned to the meeting.

*RESOLVED (Harmon/Johnston) that the Committee proceed into Closed Committee to discuss the matters referred to it, for the reasons stated in the motions of referral.*

Upon resuming Open Committee, at 9.34am, the Chair verbally reported that the Committee, with the Press and Public excluded, having considered the matters referred to it, recommends as follows:

1.    EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST INVERELL PUBLIC OPEN SPACE STRATEGY                      S18.6.63

MDS-A            *That the Committee recommend to Council that Council engage Ross Planning to undertake the preparation of the Inverell Public Open Space Strategy.*

ADOPTION OF RECOMMENDATION

*RESOLVED (Harmon/Michael) that the recommendation from Closed Committee be adopted.*

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.35am.

CR H N CASTLEDINE

CHAIRPERSON