

MINUTES OF THE CIVIL & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, 144 OTHO STREET, INVERELL ON
WEDNESDAY, 13 APRIL, 2016, COMMENCING AT 8.30 AM.

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

Also in attendance: Paul Henry (General Manager), Brett McInnes (Director Civil and Environmental Services), Ken Beddie (Director Corporate and Economic Services) and Stephen Golding (Executive Manager Corporate and Community Services).

SECTION A

APOLOGIES:

An apology was received from Cr P J Harmon for business reasons.

RESOLVED (Johnston/Michael) that the apology from Cr Harmon be noted.

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED (Michael/Watts) that the Minutes of the Civil and Environmental Services Committee Meeting held on 9 March, 2016, 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 S13.5.6/09

There were no members of the public present to speak.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Nil.

SECTION B
ADVOCACY REPORTS

Cr Baker Inverell Hospital Redevelopment

Cr Baker noted the recent community meeting held at the Town Hall on 29 March, 2016 regarding the Hospital Redevelopment. Mr Adam Marshall, Member for Northern Tablelands addressed the meeting. Sarah Mitchell, Parliamentary Secretary for Regional and Rural Health has not yet approved the Clinical Service Plan.

No actual formal presentation was made by Mr Michael DiRienzo, Chief Executive of Hunter New England Health, which was disappointing consider the strong number of attendees. Also in attendance was Inverell Hospital Manager, Mr Hamish Yates.

Cr Michael Hunter New England Area Health

The Deputy Mayor and General Manager attended the regular bi-monthly meeting with Hunter New England Area Health yesterday. Topic discussed included the Hospital Redevelopment and the Clinical Service Plan. The Clinical Service Plan is yet to be approved.

Cr Michael

Bellevue Park Playground

Cr Michael noted the opening of the new Bellevue Park playground yesterday and congratulated Council on a job well done.

Cr Jones

Opera in the Paddock

Cr Jones noted the success of the recent Opera in the Paddock event.

Cr Jones

Town Hall Event

Cr Jones noted the success of the recent combined event held at the Inverell Town Hall by the Inverell Male Choir and Sydney Male Choir.

SECTION D
DESTINATION REPORTS

1. REVIEW OF COMPLYING DEVELOPMENT FOR INLAND NSW S18.3.1

DP-A *RESOLVED (Jones/Baker) that the Committee recommend to Council that Council endorse the draft submission to NSW Department of Planning and Environment in relation to the background paper – A Review of Complying Development for Inland NSW.*

SECTION E
INFORMATION REPORTS

1. WORKS UPDATE S28.21.1/09

2. KURRAJONG RE-ENACTMENT MARCH S6.8.9

3. COMPANION ANIMAL CONTROL S11.1.2

RESOLVED (Michael/Baker) that the items contained in the Information Reports to the Civil & Environmental Services Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, 13 April, 2016, be received and noted.

At this juncture, the time being 9.00am, Cr Jones left the meeting.

SECTION F
GENERAL BUSINESS

GM-A Cr Watts Opening of Facilities S13.6.1

Cr Watts asked if Councillors could be notified of 'Official Opening Events'.

Cr Watts Delungra – Gwydir Road Intersection

Cr Watts asked about the possibility of STOP signs being installed at this intersection. Manager Civil Engineering, Mr Justin Pay advised that STOP signs are delegated to the RMS. This intersection was reviewed by RMS 12 months ago with no recommendation for a STOP sign.

DCES-A Cr Watts Delungra Landfill S31.8.7

Cr Watts asked for an update regarding the Delungra Landfill.

It was noted that the Delungra Landfill will be converted to a Transfer Station. At this stage, it will be one of the last landfills to be converted.

Cr Watts asked if it was possible for a report to be submitted to the Delungra District Development Council.

The Director Civil & Environmental Services, Mr Brett McInnes advised that an information report will be provided at the next public meeting at Delungra.

General
Manager

Update – May Street Lookout

The General Manager briefed the Committee on the current May Street Lookout Work for the Dole Project. The Riverbank is being vegetated with plants and turf. The land is being re-shaped which will enable wheelchair access.

The General Manager noted the 'Gravesite' as being a myth. The concrete with dates is in fact an anchor point for the Telstra link from one side of the river to the other.

General
Manager

Armidale Airport Development Committee

The offer to have an Inverell Shire Council representative on the Armidale Airport Development Committee was discussed; however Councillors declined the offer to take a position on the Committee.

General
Manager

Interest in Council Land

The Committee was advised of renewed interest in Council land in Oliver Street that was subject of a report to Council in July, 2014.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.27am.

CR H N CASTLEDINE

CHAIRPERSON