

MINUTES OF THE CIVIL & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, 144 OTHO STREET, INVERELL ON
WEDNESDAY, 12 OCTOBER, 2016, COMMENCING AT 8.30 AM.

PRESENT: Cr P J Harmon (Chairperson), Crs D F Baker, S J Berryman and J N McCosker.

Also in attendance: Crs C M Dight, J A Watts and A A Michael.

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), Anthony Alliston (Manager Development Services), David Strugnell (Asset Management Coordinator), Michael Bryant (Manager Environmental Engineering (Designate)) and Phil Sutton (Environmental Compliance Coordinator).

SECTION A

APOLOGIES:

An apology was received from Cr M J Peters.

RESOLVED (McCosker/Berryman) that the apology from Cr Peters for business reasons be noted and leave of absence be granted.

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED (Baker/Berryman) that the Minutes of the Civil and Environmental Services Committee Meeting held on 10 August, 2016, as circulated to members, be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting.

2. PUBLIC FORUM S13.5.6/09

At this juncture, the time being 8.35am, the Chair welcomed the members of the public and opened the Public Forum Session by inviting members of the public to speak:

Mrs Peta Blyth Opera in the Paddock

Mrs Blyth addressed the Committee on the 2017 "Opera in the Paddock" event. Key areas were highlighted, such as the significant contribution to the Economic Cultural Tourism, the State and National wide exposure of the Inverell Shire and the enhancement of cultural development.

The presentation was to inform the Councillors of the event and the request for financial support for the 2017 event.

At this juncture, the time being 8.45am, the Public Forum Session closed and the Committee resumed the balance of the Agenda.

3. ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON

CSOP-A The General Manager advised Councillors of the requirements of Council's Meeting Code and the need to elect a Chairperson for the next one (1) year term.

The General Manager advised Councillors of the entitlement under the Code for the Mayor to Chair Committee Meetings. Cr Harmon declined to exercise the right to Chair the Meeting, inviting the General Manager to call for nominations for the position of Chairperson.

The General Manager called for nominations for the position of Chairperson:

Two (2) nominations for the position of Chairperson were received being Cr Baker and Cr Berryman. Following the conduct of a ballot, both candidates returned an equal number of votes. The General Manager proceeded to choose a candidate by lot.

The General Manager wrote names of both candidates on a similar slip of paper then folded so as to prevent the names from being seen and placed into identical containers. The containers were then mixed and one drawn at random.

The candidate whose name was on the slip within the drawn container was Cr Baker.

Cr Baker was declared duly elected as Chairperson for the ensuing one (1) year period.

At this juncture the time being 8.50am Cr Baker assumed the Chair.

4. DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS/PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS

There were no interests declared.

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Nil.

6. INDUCTION – CIVIL & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

The Director Civil & Environmental Services, Mr Brett McInnes gave a presentation to Councillors which included a brief overview of the Civil & Environmental Services division.

SECTION B
ADVOCACY REPORTS

Cr Michael Ross Hill Reserve

Cr Michael noted the recent announcement by Member for Northern Tablelands, Mr Adam Marshall that will see the Ross Hill Reserve receive \$43,800 from the Social Housing Community Improvement Fund.

Cr Harmon Telstra Inverell Sapphire City Festival

Cr Harmon noted the cancellation of the Mayoral Ball that was to be held on 8 October, 2016 due to the lack of ticket sales.

Cr Harmon also noted the Inverell Breakfast Toastmasters "Communicator of the Year" evening being held this Friday, 14 October, 2016 at the Inverell RSM Club. The evening will now include the introduction of the 2016 Festival Queens.

SECTION D
DESTINATION REPORTS

1. BITUMEN RESURFACING PROGRAM 2016/17 \$28.21.1/09

MCE-A *RESOLVED (Harmon/Berryman) that the Committee recommend to Council that:*

i) *the 2016/17 Bitumen Resurfacing Program as presented be adopted; and*

- ii) *the adopted program be placed on Council's webpage and facebook for the information of the community.*

2. GRAVEL RESHEET PROGRAM 2016/17 S28.21.1/09

MCE-A *RESOLVED (Harmon/McCosker) that the Committee recommend to Council that:*

- i) *the 2016/17 Gravel Resheeting Program as presented be adopted; and*
- ii) *the adopted program be placed on Council's webpage and facebook for the information of the community.*

3. TENDER - T1/2017 CONSTRUCTION AERATION TANK INVERELL SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT (LISTING) S4.19.15

RESOLVED (Harmon/Berryman) that the matter be referred to Closed Committee 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. MAINTENANCE GRADING 2015/2016 S28.21.1/09

2. UPDATE - PARKING IN OSWALD STREET AND INVERELL HIGH SCHOOL TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT S28.10.IN163

3. PHOTOGRAPHIC ARCHIVAL RECORDING – NEWSTEAD STATION GROUP S15.8.8

4. AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS (AEDS) S24.20.5

5. WORKS UPDATE S28.21.1/09

RESOLVED (Harmon/Berryman) that the items contained in the Information Reports to the Civil & Environmental Services Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, 12 October, 2016, be received and noted.

SECTION F
GENERAL BUSINESS

Manager Civil Engineering Texas – Silver Mining

Manager Civil Engineering, Mr Justin Pay advised that the Queensland and New South Wales Environment Protection Authority are collaborating on the closure of an old silver mining area and the decommissioning of the water run-off catchment/holding areas of the facility as these holding areas have possible heavy metal contamination.

Manager Civil Road Sealing Works
Engineering

Manager Civil Engineering, Mr Justin Pay advised that interim sealing works are being undertaken on Mansfield Street and the Glen Innes Highway.

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

At 10.40am, 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. No members of the public were present to make representations.

CLOSED COMMITTEE REPORTS

RESOLVED (Berryman/Harmon) 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 10.46am, the Chair verbally reported that the Committee, with the Press and Public excluded, having considered the matters referred to it, recommends as follows:

1. TENDER - T1/2017 CONSTRUCTION AERATION TANK INVERELL
SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT S4.19.15

MEED- *That the Committee recommend to Council that:*
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- i) *Council accept the tender from Eire Constructions Pty Ltd including the variations for the supply of submersible pumps and revised rates for bored piles, in the sum of \$1,919,997; and*
 - ii) *the Common Seal of Council be affixed to the Contract documents.*

ADOPTION OF RECOMMENDATION

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

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 10.47am.

CR D F BAKER

CHAIRPERSON