

MINUTES OF THE CIVIL & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, 144 OTHO STREET, INVERELL ON
WEDNESDAY, 8 JULY, 2015, COMMENCING AT 8.30 AM.

PRESENT: Cr H N Castledine (Chairperson), Crs A A Michael, B C Johnston,
P J Harmon, D C Jones and P J Girle.

Also in attendance: Paul Henry (General Manager), Brett McInnes
(Director Civil and Environmental Services), Justin Pay (Manager Civil
Engineering) and Anthony Alliston (Manager Development Services).

APOLOGIES:

Apologies were received from Cr Watts for business reasons and Cr Baker for personal reasons.

RESOLVED (Michael/Jones) that the apology from Cr Watts and Cr Baker be noted.

SECTION A

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED (Michael/Jones) that the Minutes of the Civil and Environmental Services Committee Meeting held on 10 June, 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

The following interest was declared:

- Cr Jones declared a pecuniary interest in Section D, Destination Reports, Item #3, 'DA-83/2015 - 25 Lot Subdivision and New Road – 165-186 Moore Street, Inverell - Naming of New Road'. The nature of the interest relates to Cr Jones providing professional services to the applicant.

3. PUBLIC FORUM S13.5.6

At this juncture, the time being 8.37am, the Chair welcomed the members of the public and opened the Public Forum Session by inviting members of the public to speak:

Mr Nigel Brown Feral Cats

Mr Brown spoke regarding the higher incidents of domestic cats becoming strays and feral in the area. Mr Brown stated it is his belief that this occurs as domestic cats are allowed to roam and breed. Mr Brown spoke about feral cats spreading disease and decimating wildlife.

Mrs Shirlee Handee Spread of Feral Cats

Mrs Handee spoke of her concern of the spread of feral cats in the area. Mrs Handee requested that her submission regarding registration of cats and the implementation of stricter controls imposed on the breeding of cats be received by the Committee.

At this juncture, the time being 8.42am, the Public Forum Session closed and the Committee resumed the balance of the Agenda.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Nil.

SECTION B
ADVOCACY REPORTS

Cr Harmon New England Group of Councils (NECOG) Meeting

Cr Harmon provided a summary of the latest NEGOC meeting. Cr Harmon advised that the emphasis was on examining ways that the Councils can work together to further the interests of the area. The minutes of the meeting will be placed before Council.

Cr Jones National Broadband Network (NBN) Towers

Cr Jones advised that NBN towers have been switched on at Stirling & Delungra sites. The Fernhill area remains unserved; residents in this area will be offered satellite service. Mobile phone towers will be installed in five (5) locations in the Shire.

Cr Castledine Pioneer Village

Cr Castledine provided an update on activities at Pioneer Village.

Cr Girle Inverell Court House

Cr Girle acknowledged the work on the painting of the Inverell Court House.

GM-A Cr Castledine Feral Cats S6.8.3

Cr Castledine referred to the submission from Mrs Handee and the address from both Mr Brown and Mrs Handee in the Public Forum of today's meeting.

RESOLVED (Michael/Johnston) that the Committee recommend to Council that:

- i) the Local State Member be informed of Mrs Handee's views about registration and control of domestic cats; and*
- ii) Council continue the work with Local Land Service on feral cat control.*

SECTION D
DESTINATION REPORTS

1. CHANGE TO AGREEMENT - PROVISION OF FLOOD WARNING MONITORING SERVICES S18.6.19

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

- i) an investigation into the service level requirements for flood warning monitoring be undertaken; and*

- ii) *a further report be presented to the Committee outlining possible options for provision of services for the 2015/16 year.*

2. COMMUNICATIONS STRATEGY - INVERELL PUBLIC OPEN SPACE STRATEGY S18.6.63

MDS-A *RESOLVED (Michael/Harmon) that the Committee recommend to the Council that the Communications Strategy for the Inverell Public Open Space Strategy be endorsed.*

3. DA-83/2015 – 25 LOT SUBDIVISION AND NEW ROAD – 165-186 MOORE STREET, INVERELL - NAMING OF NEW ROAD DA-83/2015

At this juncture, the time being 9.25am, Cr Jones left the meeting having declared a pecuniary interest in Section D, Destination Reports, Item #3, 'DA-83/2015 - 25 Lot Subdivision and New Road – 165-186 Moore Street, Inverell - Naming of New Road'. The nature of the interest relates to Cr Jones providing professional services to the applicant.

DP-A *RESOLVED (Harmon/Johnston) that the Committee recommend to Council that:*

- i) *the appropriate steps be taken to formally name the new road in the subdivision approved under DA-83/2015 as Victor Drive; and*
- ii) *Council authorise the Director Civil and Environmental Services to undertake the road naming in accordance with the NSW Road Naming Policy October 2013.*

At this juncture, the time being 9.26am, Cr Jones returned to the meeting.

4. CRITERIUM CYCLE TRACK S7.2.7/08

GM-A *RESOLVED (Johnston/Michael) that the Committee recommend to Council that:*

- i) *the Cycle 'n' Tri club be advised that the identified site is not a favored site; and*
- ii) *discussions be held with the Club to identify a suitable alternative site for development as a criterium track.*

5. PETITION - PARKING IN OSWALD STREET S28.10.IN163

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

- i) *a meeting with the Department of Education be arranged as a matter of priority to discuss traffic management issues surrounding Inverell High School;*
- ii) *the outcome of the meeting be reported back to Council for consideration; and*
- iii) *the principal author of the petition from Oswald Street resident's be advised what action Council is taking in response to the matter.*

SECTION E
INFORMATION REPORTS

1. ASHFORD WATER TREATMENT PLANT PCG MEETING MINUTES – 18 JUNE 2015 S5.9.12

2. WORKS UPDATE S28.21.1

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

MANSFIELD STREET/HIGHWAY INTERSECTION

S28.10.IN144

DCES-A *RESOLVED (Harmon/Jones) that the Director Civil & Environmental Services seek comments from the Roads & Maritime Services regarding the concept plan prepared for the Mansfield Street/Highway intersection.*

SECTION F
GENERAL BUSINESS

Cr Michael Non-smoking Policy

Cr Michael raised the matter of the 4m non-smoking zone around outdoor eating facilities and the need for this to be promoted.

Cr Harmon Ring Street Bridge

Cr Harmon asked if the Ring Street Bridge is Heavy Mass Load (HML) approved.

The Director Civil & Environmental Services advised that the bridge is approved for HML vehicles and the Roads and Maritime Services website has been updated to inform trucking companies.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 10.15am.

CR H N CASTLEDINE

CHAIRPERSON