MINUTES OF THE CIVIL & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, 144 OTHO STREET, INVERELL ON WEDNESDAY, 9 SEPTEMBER, 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.

Ken Beddie (Acting General Manager), Stephen Golding (Executive Manager Corporate and Community Services), Graham Bendeich (Manager Environmental Engineering), Justin Pay (Manager Civil Engineering) and Anthony Alliston (Manager Development Services).

## **APOLOGIES:**

There were no apologies received.

#### **SECTION A**

## 1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED (Michael/Johnston) that the Minutes of the Civil and Environmental Services Committee Meeting held on 12 August, 2015, as circulated to members, be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting.

# 2. <u>DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS/PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS</u>

There were no interests declared.

3. PUBLIC FORUM S13.5.6

There were no members of the public present to speak.

## 4. <u>BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES</u>

Nil.

# SECTION B ADVOCACY REPORTS

Cr Harmon <u>2015 Sapphire City Festival</u>

Cr Harmon noted the launch of the 2015 Sapphire City Festival where the four (4) Queen and six (6) Princess entrants were introduced. As major sponsors, Telstra Inverell and the National Australia Bank were present at the well attended event.

Cr Baker <u>Great Inland Fishing Festival</u>

Cr Baker informed the Committee that no Executive was formed at the recent AGM of the Great Inland Fishing Festival Committee. Another meeting is to be held on 10 September, 2015 at the Council Administration Building to elect an Executive.

#### Cr Castledine

#### Inverell Panorama Estate - Release Event

Cr Castledine advised of his attendance at the Inverell Panorama Estate Land Release Launch. The event featured live music and a coffee van with Real Estate Agents on site.

# SECTION D DESTINATION REPORTS

# 1. HERITAGE ADVISORY SERVICE UPDATE

S18.8.3/03

## RESOLVED (Johnston/Michael) that:

- i) the report be received and noted; and
- ii) the Committee suspend standing orders to enable Heritage Advisor, Mr Mitch McKay to address the Committee.

# Suspension of Standing Orders

#### Heritage Advisory Service Update

At this juncture, the time being 8.41am, the Chairperson sought agreement to suspend Standing Orders to welcome Mr Mitch McKay, Council's Heritage Advisor and representatives from the board of Northaven.

Mr McKay provided a Heritage Advisory Service update and advised that the Heritage Register is now complete.

#### Northaven Ltd Presentation

The Acting General Manager, Mr Tony Martin from Northaven Limited introduced the following staff representatives; Kelly Dines (Employee Service Officer), Barry Dewberry (Recycling Assistant) and Carl Irwin (Recycling Operations Officer). Representatives briefed the Committee on aspects of the Northaven Business Plan including their proposal to further expand the activities of Northaven in the area of recycling. Mr Tony Martin, during the presentation, asked the Committee if he would be allowed to present their Business Plan at the next Waste Management Sunset Committee Meeting.

#### Resumption of Standing Orders

At this juncture, the time being 9.28am, Standing Orders resumed and the Committee considered the balance of the Agenda.

# SECTION E INFORMATION REPORTS

#### 1. WORKS UPDATE

S28.21.1/08

RESOLVED (Harmon/Jones) that the items contained in the Information Reports to the Civil & Environmental Services Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, 9 September, 2015, be received and noted.

# SECTION F GENERAL BUSINESS

#### Anthony Alliston Bindaree Beef Update

Mr Alliston noted that Bindaree Beef are looking to commence works in the near future on the biodigester, render plant and cold plate freezer room.

#### White Rock Wind Farm

Mr Alliston noted that at this stage, White Rock Wind Farm are looking to construct 70 turbines with construction works likely to commence in early 2016.

#### Cr Harmon

#### Bindaree Beef - Fernhill Rd/Highway Intersection

Cr Harmon asked about the corner of the Highway and Fernhill Road intersection improvement based on Black Spot Funding.

The Manager Civil Engineering, Mr Justin Pay advised of investigations into a design and plan to source funding. At present, the intersection does not meet guidelines or criteria for Black Spot Funding.

# **Essential Energy**

Cr Harmon noted the recent announcement of Essential Energy staff reductions in regional areas. The ABC Radio has requested that the Mayor provide a comment on the matter.

Cr Harmon is preparing a response, particularly in respect of the impacts that this will have on the community, noting 7 advised local job losses.

#### Cr Michael

## **Subdivision Costing Report**

Cr Michael asked when the report regarding the costs of subdivision of Council land will be provided to the Committee.

The Acting General Manager, Mr Ken Beddie advised that the report is currently being prepared.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.51am.

# **CR H N CASTLEDINE**

# **CHAIRPERSON**