MINUTES OF THE ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, INVERELL SHIRE COUNCIL, 144 OTHO STREET, INVERELL ON WEDNESDAY, 9 MARCH, 2016, COMMENCING AT 10.30AM.

Cr J A Watts (Chairperson), Crs D F Baker, P J Girle, P J Harmon and PRESENT:

A A Michael.

Also in attendance: Crs B C Johnston and D C Jones.

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

SECTION A

APOLOGIES:

An apology was received from Cr H N Castledine.

RESOLVED (Harmon/Baker) that the apology from Cr Castledine be noted.

1. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

RESOLVED (Girle/Michael) that the Minutes of the Economic and Community Sustainability Committee Meeting held on 10 February, 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. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Nil.

SECTION B ADVOCACY REPORTS

Cr Jones **NBN Services**

> Cr Jones advised that NBN coverage is now accessible to the Fernhill Road area.

SECTION D **DESTINATION REPORTS**

1. REQUEST TO LICENCE LAND – REEVES S5.10.154

CSOP-A RESOLVED (Harmon/Girle) that the Committee recommend to Council that:

- Council enter into a Licence Agreement with Mr Graham and Felicity Reeves i) for Lot 8, DP 188692 and Lot 7, DP 1101540 Rifle Range Road, Inverell for a two (2) year period with a further two (2) year option;
- the Licence fee be \$500.00 per annum (GST Inclusive) with a 3% increase per ii) annum; and

- iii) the Licence Agreement be subject to any other terms and conditions as negotiated by Council's General Manager.
- 2. <u>FIT FOR THE FUTURE SUPPLEMENTARY ROADS RENEWAL AND ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM 2015/2016 2016/2017 S15.8.23/10</u>
- DCS-A RESOLVED (Baker/Michael) that the Committee recommend to Council that:
 - i) the additional \$2.1M to be received for the 2016/2017 Roads to Recovery Program be allocated to Shoulder Widening and Pavement Strengthening MR 187, south of Wallangra; and
 - ii) the following additional high priority Rural Road Projects be funded in the 2015/2016 Budget;
 - a) Swanbrook Road Upgrade Moore Street to Runnymede Intersection (Shire Road). \$ 0.30M
 - b) Kings Plains Road Shoulder widening/Pavement Strengthening, north of Swanbrook Bridge. \$ 0.10M
 - c) Auburnvale Road shoulder widening and re-alignment, McBride's Lane to Minnamurra Lane (Shire Local Road). \$ 1.00M

(Total additional Rural Roads Program 2015/2016 - 2016/2017 \$3.5M)

ASHFORD OVAL - NEW AMENITIES BLOCK/CANTEEN S21.8.4

DCS-A RESOLVED (Harmon/Johnston) that the Committee recommend to Council that the \$146K funding shortfall be provided from the Building Upgrade and Refurbishment Internally Restricted Asset.

SECTION E INFORMATION REPORTS

- 1. <u>STATECOVER MUTUAL LIMITED 2015/2016 WORK HEALTH AND SAFETY FINANCIAL INCENTIVE</u> <u>S27.1.11</u>
- 2. <u>LANDFILL CONSOLIDATION GRANTS</u> S15.8.61 & S15.8.62 & S15.8.60
- 3. CLUBGRANTS INVERELL SPORTS COMPLEX S15.8.59

RESOLVED (Girle/Michael) that the items contained in the Information Reports to the Economic & Community Sustainability Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, 9 March, 2016, be received and noted.

SECTION F QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

Cr Harmon IPWEA Regional Conference

Cr Harmon noted that he provided the opening address at the IPWEA Regional Conference recently held in Inverell.

MTM-A Cr Baker Air Service \$30.16.4

Cr Baker asked if Council could approach an airline to seek interest in one-off services for events of Council, such as pre sold seats.

The Mayor provided a response of the requirements to be able to deliver the adhoc 'chartering of a plane'.

The request will be further investigated by Council's Manager Tourism and Marketing.

General Manager Sapphire Windfarm

The General Manager noted that the Terms of Reference for the Community Development Fund will be provided to the next Council Meeting.

GM-N General Manager

Arts North West

S26.5.4

The General Manager noted the approach from Arts North West regarding Council becoming a member.

RESOLVED (Baker/Harmon) that the Committee recommend to Council that Council provide Arts North West the opportunity to present the benefits of becoming a member.

Cr Watts

Delungra District Development Council (DDDC)

Cr Watts advised that she will be unable to attend the next three (3) meetings of the DDDC and requested that another Councillor attend in her absence.

Cr Johnston indicated that he would be pleased to attend.

DCS-A

Director
Corporate and
Economic
Services

Visitor Signage S28.27.17

Council has an opportunity to acquire 'Billboard' advertising located on the NSW and QLD border at Wallangarra. As Wallangarra is classed as the gateway for NSW/QLD on the New England Highway, this would represent a significant promotion opportunity. The Billboard company has provided a cost effective offer for the space and the installation of the Tourism media.

RESOLVED (Baker/Michael) that the Committee recommends to Council that Council take up the offer to advertise in this prominent location.

SECTION H GOVERNANCE REPORTS

1. STORES & MATERIALS STOCKTAKE S23.16.5/09

EC-A RESOLVED (Girle/Harmon) that the Committee recommend to Council that:

- i) the stores and materials Stocktake information be received and noted; and
- ii) the adjustment of **\$871.80** be made in the Stores Ledger.
- 2. STORES & MATERIALS STOCKTAKE S23.16.5/09

EC-A RESOLVED (Girle/Harmon) that the Committee recommend to Council that:

- i) the stores and materials Stocktake information be received and noted; and
- ii) the adjustment of \$721.43 be made in the Stores Ledger.

3. GOVERNANCE - MONTHLY INVESTMENT REPORT \$12.12.2/09

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

- i) the report indicating Council's Fund Management position be received and noted; and
- ii) the Certification of the Responsible Accounting Officer be noted.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 11.28am.

CR J A WATTS

CHAIRPERSON