

MINUTES OF THE ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE  
MEETING HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, INVERELL SHIRE COUNCIL, 144  
OTHO STREET, INVERELL ON WEDNESDAY, 11 MARCH, 2015, COMMENCING  
AT 10.03AM.

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

Also in attendance: Crs H N Castledine, 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).

APOLOGIES:

There were no apologies received.

SECTION A

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

*RESOLVED (Baker/Michael) that the Minutes of the Economic and Community  
Sustainability Committee Meeting held on 11 February, 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

There were no interests declared.

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Nil.

SECTION B  
ADVOCACY REPORTS

Cr Michael Chamber of Commerce

Cr Michael informed the Committee that the Chamber of  
Commerce TV advertising promotion will commence soon.

SUPPLEMENTARY SECTION B  
ADVOCACY REPORT

*RESOLVED (Harmon/Baker) that the Supplementary Section B Advocacy Report be  
considered.*

1. INTEGRITY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM S27.3.2

*RESOLVED (Harmon/Michael) that the information be received and noted.*

SECTION D  
DESTINATION REPORTS

1. REQUEST FOR REDUCTION IN TOWN HALL HIRE FEES/SPONSORSHIP –  
GWYMAC LANDCARE S12.22.1/08 & S5.24.4/08

CSOP-A *RESOLVED (Michael/Baker) that the Committee recommend to Council that Council  
not accede to the request for the reduction in Town Hall Hire Fees.*

2. REQUEST FOR DONATION – DELUNGRA GIRL GUIDES S12.22.1/08

CSOP-A *RESOLVED (Baker/Girle) that the Committee recommend to Council that Council donate \$500 to the Delungra Girl Guides with the funds being sourced from the Villages Grant Development Program.*

3. BEST EMPLOYMENT LTD (LISTING) S8.3.1/08

*RESOLVED (Harmon/Michael) that the matter be referred to Closed Council 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.*

4. TRANSGRID - PROPOSAL TO CREATE RIGHT OF CARRIAGEWAY - MANDOE RADIO SITE S5.10.61

DCS-A *RESOLVED (Baker/Harmon) that the Committee recommend to Council that:*

- i) Council agree to the purchase and creation of a 6m wide Floating or Track in Use Easement through Lot 22, DP 72 1168;*
- ii) Council is prepared to accept the sum of \$5,000 for the purchase of the proposed easement;*
- iii) the purchase and creation of the easement be subject to any terms and conditions as negotiated with the General Manager; and*
- iv) the Common Seal of Council be affixed to any necessary documentation.*

5. FIT FOR THE FUTURE (FFF) ROADMAP – GENERAL ACTIVITIES  
S13.1.2

DCS-A *RESOLVED (Michael/Baker) that the Committee recommend to Council that Inverell Shire Council prepare a roadmap that is consistent with the following principles:*

- a) remain a 'standalone' Council as recommended by the Independent Review Panel, and*
- b) Council has a capacity to provide leadership to a broader area within this region.*

SECTION F  
QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

Cr Girle Community Drug Awareness Program

Cr Girle raised the prospect of establishing a Community Drug Awareness Program. Cr Girle will provide information at the next meeting.

GM-A	Cr Michael	<u>Development of Council Owned Land for Residential Properties S5.2.0/08</u>
		Cr Michael tabled a proposal for the Committee to consider the need to generate income streams other than rates and interest on investments. Suggestions included development and subdivision to meet the increasing reduction in available developed residential blocks.
		<i>RESOLVED (Michael/Baker) that a report on development of the identified Council land be prepared for the March, Ordinary Meeting of Council.</i>
EXA-A	Cr Jones	<u>Forms of Recognition S2.2.2</u>
		Cr Jones requested that consideration be given to recognising a member of the Inverell community.
		<i>RESOLVED (Jones/Baker) that a report be prepared for the April, Economic and Community Sustainability Committee meeting regarding Council's existing policy on Forms of Significant Recognition.</i>
DCS-A	Director Corporate and Economic Services	<u>Elsmore Rural Fire Shed S5.9.18</u>
		The Director Corporate and Economic Services, Mr Ken Beddie, advised that an approach has been made for the old Rural Fire Shed to be transferred to the Trustees of the Elsmore Soldiers Memorial Hall. It was noted that the old Rural Fire Shed is housed on the Hall site. A new Rural Fire Shed has been constructed on another site.
		<i>RESOLVED (Michael/Harmon) that the Committee recommend to Council that Council transfer ownership of the old Rural Fire Shed at Elsmore to the Trustees of the Elsmore Soldiers Memorial Hall.</i>

#### SECTION H GOVERNANCE REPORTS

##### 1. GOVERNANCE - MONTHLY INVESTMENT REPORT S12.12.2/08

*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.*

##### 2. STORES & MATERIALS STOCKTAKE S23.16.5/08

EC-A *RESOLVED (Baker/Michael) that the Committee recommend to Council that:*

- i) the stores and materials Stocktake information be received and noted; and*
- ii) the adjustment of **-\$1,526.58** be made in the Stores Ledger.*

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

At 11.55am, 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. There were no members of the public present to respond.

CLOSED COMMITTEE REPORTS

*RESOLVED (Harmon/Michael) 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 12.16pm, the Chair verbally reported that the Committee, with the Press and Public excluded, having considered the matters referred to it, recommends as follows:

1. BEST EMPLOYMENT LTD S8.3.1/08

GM-A *That the Committee recommend to Council that Council determine a course of action for this land, after all Expressions of Interest have been considered.*

ADOPTION OF RECOMMENDATION

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

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 12.17pm.

CR J A WATTS

CHAIRPERSON