

MINUTES OF THE ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE  
MEETING HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, INVERELL SHIRE COUNCIL, 144  
OTHO STREET, INVERELL ON WEDNESDAY, 10 JUNE, 2015, COMMENCING AT  
10.37AM.

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/Harmon) that the Minutes of the Economic and Community  
Sustainability Committee Meeting held on 13 May, 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 D  
DESTINATION REPORTS

1. WRITE OFF SUNDRY DEBTOR (LISTING) S12.8.8

*RESOLVED (Harmon/Michael) that the matter be referred to Closed Committee for  
consideration as:*

- i) the matters and information are 'the personal hardship of any resident or  
ratepayer' (Section 10A(2)(b) 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.*

2. REQUEST FOR DONATION – LIONS CLUB OF INVERELL S12.22.1/08

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

i) *Permission be granted to Inverell Lions Club to paint/affix numbers to Council's kerb and guttering, provided the Club does not represent to the householder that this service is compulsory;*

ii) *Council provide a donation of up to \$200 for advertising of the project; and*

iii) *the Lions Club of Inverell indemnify Council of any potential legal action.*

3. AIR SERVICES (LISTING) S30.16.4

*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. OPERA NORTH WEST S26.3.14

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

i) *Council provide a donation of \$5K in cash and \$5K in in-kind contribution; and*

ii) *the Town Hall costs are not included in the in-kind contribution should it be required.*

5. BLOOD COLLECTION SERVICES S24.20.5

GM-A *RESOLVED (Harmon/Baker) that the Committee recommend to Council that Council write to the Australian Red Cross requesting the provision of a mobile blood collection service for Northern NSW.*

## SECTION F QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

MLS-A Cr Baker Library Cafe S3.6.1

Cr Baker noted a proposal for a Café to be located in the Inverell Shire Library.

*RESOLVED (Baker/Michael) that the Committee recommend to Council that a report be submitted to the Economic & Community Sustainability Committee Meeting regarding the proposed Library Café.*

Cr Girle Excellence Award

Cr Girle advised the Committee that McLean Aged Care recently received an Excellence Award.

DCS-A      Director      Transport Museum      S5.9.9  
                  Corporate      &  
                  Economic      Director Corporate & Economic Services, Mr Ken Beddie provided a  
                  Services      financial review of the loan repayments, inclusive of current interest  
                       rates and repayment term.

*RESOLVED (Harmon/Girle) that the Committee recommend to Council that:*

- i) Council extend the loan repayment term from 10 years to 20 years;*
- ii) in line with current interest rates, the rate be 4%; and*
- iii) this matter be reviewed in two (2) years in respect of repayment term and interest rate.*

DCS-A      Director      Fit for the Future (FFF)      S13.1.2  
                  Corporate      &  
                  Economic      Director Corporate & Economic Services, Mr Ken Beddie discussed  
                  Services      the draft budget adjustments for 2015/2016 - 2024/2025 necessary to  
                       implement the FFF Roadmap.

*RESOLVED (Johnston/Baker) that the Committee recommend to Council that the required adjustments to the 2015/2016 - 2024/2025 draft budget necessary to implement the FFF Roadmap including the \$6M Shire Roads Backlog Program be adopted.*

## SECTION H GOVERNANCE REPORTS

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

*RESOLVED (Baker/Harmon) 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.      QUARTERLY BUDGET AND OPERATIONAL PLAN REVIEW 2014/2015 S12.5.1/08

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

- i) the proposed variations to budget votes for the 2014/2015 Financial Year be adopted providing an estimated Cash Surplus at 30 June, 2015 from operations of \$4,959; and*
- ii) the breakup of Council's invested funds be noted.*

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

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

- i) the stores and materials Stocktake information be received and noted; and*
- ii) the adjustment of **\$90.74** be made in the Stores Ledger.*

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

At 11.10am, 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 was no response from the public.

CLOSED COMMITTEE REPORTS

*RESOLVED (Harmon/Girle) 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 11.25am, the Chair verbally reported that the Committee, with the Press and Public excluded, having considered the matters referred to it, recommends as follows:

1. WRITE OFF SUNDRY DEBTOR S12.8.8

MFS-A *That the Committee recommend to Council that the outstanding amount of \$7,768.94 for Allpro Demolitions be written off Debtor account number 113095-4.*

2. AIR SERVICES S30.16.4

*That the information be received and noted.*

ADOPTION OF RECOMMENDATION

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

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 12.08pm.

CR J A WATTS

CHAIRPERSON