

MINUTES OF THE ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, INVERELL SHIRE COUNCIL, 144 OTHO STREET, INVERELL ON WEDNESDAY, 8 JUNE, 2016, COMMENCING AT 10.35AM.

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).

SECTION A

APOLOGIES:

There were no apologies received.

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED (Baker/Girle) that the Minutes of the Economic and Community Sustainability Committee Meeting held on 11 May, 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.

Suspension of Standing Orders

At this juncture, the time being 10.40am, the Chairperson sought agreement to suspend Standing Orders to welcome Ms Caroline Downer, Executive Director of Arts North West. Ms Downer presented the Committee with details of the benefits and opportunities of being a member of Arts North West and the Groups activities.

At this juncture, the time being 11.15am, the Chairperson welcomed Ms Nicole Lavender, CEO of Inverell District Family Services, Mr John Devlin, Director of Inverell District Family Services and Mr Peter Gaukroger, Independent Building Committee Member.

Ms Lavender addressed the Committee in respect of the proposed extension/redevelopment of Inverell District Family Services premises.

Resumption of Standing Orders

At this juncture, the time being 11.45am, Standing Orders resumed and the Committee considered the balance of the Agenda.

SECTION B
ADVOCACY REPORTS

Cr Watts Air Service

Cr Watts noted a recent meeting held with the Director/Chief Pilot of Airspeed Aviation, Mr Ben Wyndham, Inverell Chamber of Commerce and local business houses. Airspeed Aviation is currently seeking the establishment of an Air Service in Narrabri over the coming months.

Mr Wyndham indicated that once the Narrabri service is up and running successfully there may be an opportunity to investigate the option of an Inverell Air Service at some future time, possibly to Brisbane. Mr Wyndham noted that for any Sydney service to be viable, 10,000 passengers are required at an average return ticket price of \$500.00.

SECTION D
DESTINATION REPORTS

1. ARTS NORTH WEST S26.5.4

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

- i) the report be received and noted; and*
- ii) at this time, Council decline the offer of membership to Arts North West, noting its current ongoing investment in local Cultural Infrastructure and activities.*

2. INVERELL DISTRICT FAMILY SERVICES - FUTURE DIRECTION (LISTING)
S15.8.25/09

RESOLVED (Baker/Michael) that the matter be referred to Closed Committee 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.*

SECTION E
INFORMATION REPORTS

1. E-WASTE FACILITY AND REVOLVE STORE – WARRA-LI S31.16.22

RESOLVED (Baker/Girle) that the items contained in the Information Reports to the Economic & Community Sustainability Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, 8 June, 2016, be received and noted.

SECTION H
GOVERNANCE REPORTS

1. STORES & MATERIALS STOCKTAKE S23.16.5/09
- 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 **\$964.02** be made in the Stores Ledger.*
2. STORES & MATERIALS STOCKTAKE S23.16.5/09
- 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 **\$47.67** be made in the Stores Ledger.*
3. STORES & MATERIALS STOCKTAKE S23.16.5/09
- 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) *no adjustment be made in the Stores Ledger.*
4. STORES & MATERIALS STOCKTAKE S23.16.5/09
- 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 **\$46.13** made in the Stores Ledger.*
5. STORES & MATERIALS STOCKTAKE S23.16.5/09
- 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) *an adjustment of **-\$541.42** be made in the Stores Ledger.*
6. STORES & MATERIALS STOCKTAKE S23.16.5/09
- 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 **\$82.82** made in the Stores Ledger.*
7. GOVERNANCE - MONTHLY INVESTMENT REPORT S12.12.2/09
- 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.*

8. BUDGET AND OPERATIONAL PLAN REVIEW 2015/2016 S12.5.1/09

MFS-N *RESOLVED (Baker/Michael) that the Committee recommend to Council that the proposed variations to budget votes for the 2015/2016 Financial Year be adopted providing an estimated Cash Surplus at 30 June, 2016 from operations of \$6,952.*

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

At 12.05pm, the Chairperson noted that no members of the public were present at the meeting to make representations as to whether any part of the Committee Meeting should not be considered in Closed Committee.

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 12.14pm, the Chair verbally reported that the Committee, with the Press and Public excluded, having considered the matter referred to it, recommends as follows:

1. INVERELL DISTRICT FAMILY SERVICES - FUTURE DIRECTION
S15.8.25/09

GM-A *That the Committee recommend to Council that the land, being Lot 10, DP 1040067 be offered, in principle, to Inverell District Family Services pending a market valuation of the land and Inverell District Family Services being successful in obtaining grant funding for the project.*

ADOPTION OF RECOMMENDATION

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

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 12.12pm.

CR J A WATTS

CHAIRPERSON