

MINUTES OF THE ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, INVERELL SHIRE COUNCIL, 144
OTHO STREET, INVERELL ON WEDNESDAY, 12 OCTOBER, 2016, COMMENCING
AT 11.00AM.

PRESENT: Cr P J Harmon (Chairperson), Cr Watts, C M Dight, P A King and A A Michael.

Also in attendance: Crs D F Baker, S J Berryman and J N McCosker.

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 (Michael/Watts) that the Minutes of the Economic and Community Sustainability Committee Meeting held on 10 August, 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.

Note: Cr Michael has previously declared a conflict of interest in the land matter dealt with at item 2 in the confidential section.

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Nil.

4. ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON

CSOP-A The General Manager advised Councillors of the requirements of Council's Meeting Code and the need to elect a Chairperson for the next one (1) year term.

The General Manager advised Councillors of the entitlement under the Code for the Mayor to Chair Committee Meetings. Cr Harmon advised the General Manager that he declined to exercise the right to Chair the Meeting, inviting the General Manager to call for nominations for the position of Chairperson.

The General Manager called for nominations for the position of Chairperson:

One (1) nomination for the position of Chairperson was received being Cr Watts. There being only one (1) nomination, Cr Watts was declared duly elected as Chairperson for the ensuing one (1) year period and assumed the Chair.

At this juncture the time being 11.08am Cr Watts assumed the Chair.

5. INDUCTION – ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY SERVICES

The Director Corporate & Economic Services, Mr Ken Beddie gave a presentation to Councillors which included a brief overview of the Corporate & Economic directorate. Mr Beddie also addressed the Committee on Council's Fit for the Future Roadmap and Council's financial position.

SECTION B
ADVOCACY REPORTS

Cr Michael Regional Australia Bank

Cr Michael attended, on behalf of the Mayor, the Regional Australia Bank (RAB) Community Partnership Program ceremony on Thursday, 29 September, 2016.

This year, the RAB presented \$48,322.76 to 83 community groups of Ashford, Bundarra and Inverell.

SECTION D
DESTINATION REPORTS

1. COUNCILLOR WORKSHOPS - HIT THE GROUND RUNNING S13.6.11

GM-A *RESOLVED (Michael/Harmon) that arrangements be made for interested Councillors to be registered to attend the 'Hit the Ground Running' Workshop to be held in Tamworth on Thursday, 27 October, 2016.*

2. SERVICE LEVEL REQUIREMENTS - FLOOD MONITORING S18.6.19

MCE-A *RESOLVED (Michael/Harmon) that:*

- i) the 2015/2016 Services Agreement for Hydrometric Services be completed and the \$99,078 fee be paid; and*
- ii) Council seek the support of the Member for Northern Tablelands, Mr Adam Marshall and Local Government NSW in having the State Wide Flood Gauge Fees included in the new property based Emergency Services Levy on the basis of the wide benefits flowing to the community from the Flood Gauge Warning Systems being in place.*

3. OPERA NORTH WEST S26.3.14

MOTION (Michael/Harmon) that the Committee recommend to Council that Council provide \$5K in cash and up to \$5K in-kind of sponsorship to the 2017 Opera in the Paddock event.

The Motion on being put to the meeting was lost.

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

- i) Council provide \$10K in cash and up to \$5K in-kind of sponsorship to the 2017 Opera in the Paddock event; and*
- ii) the additional \$5K be funded from the Tourism Promotion Budget.*

4. LAND MATTER - RIFLE RANGE ROAD, INVERELL (LISTING) S5.2.0/09

RESOLVED (Harmon/Dight) 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.*

5. 104 OTHO STREET, INVERELL (LISTING) S5.2.1/18

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

- i) *the matters and information are 'Information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.' (Section 10A(2)(c) 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.*

6. LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT – TINGHA S13.1.1

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

- i) *Mr Marshall be advised that the course of action he has proposed to expedite the matter is supported; and*
- ii) *any necessary action be undertaken with Mr Marshall and the Administrator of Armidale Dumaresq Council on the mapping of an appropriate boundary between Inverell and Armidale Dumaresq Councils.*

7. PROPOSED BOUNDARIES FOR JOINT ORGANISATIONS (JO)
S13.1.2

GM-A *RESOLVED (Harmon/Michael) that the Office of Local Government be advised that Inverell Shire Council supports the proposed boundary for the New England Joint Organisation.*

8. REQUEST FOR REDUCTION IN TOWN HALL HIRE FEES – DANTHONIA
BRUDERHOF COMMUNITY S12.22.1/08 & S5.24.4/08

CSOP-A *RESOLVED (Michael/Harmon) that the Committee recommend to Council that Council provide a donation of \$200 to the Danthonia Bruderhof Community Christmas event.*

SECTION E
INFORMATION REPORTS

1. TAKE CHARGE YOUR FUTURE IS IN YOUR HANDS BY GRAHAM HYMAN
PRESENTED BY INVERELL SHIRE COUNCIL S8.2.3/08

RESOLVED (Michael/Harmon) that the items contained in the Information Reports to the Economic & Community Sustainability Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, 12 October, 2016, be received and noted.

SECTION F
QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

DCS-A	Director Corporate & Economic Services	<u>Airspeed Aviation</u> <u>S30.16.4</u> Director Corporate & Economic Services, Mr Ken Beddie advised the Committee of an approach by the Director of Airspeed Aviation, Mr Ben Wyndam for Council support of a campaign for time slots at Sydney Airport to be allocated to regional airlines. It was noted that Sydney Airport timeslots are regulated by a Federal Government Act on aircraft movement and operating periods, and Senator Williams has already committed to pursuing this matter in a meeting with Mr Wyndam.
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RESOLVED (Michael/Harmon) that the Committee recommend to Council that Council write to Mr Wyndam advising of Council's support for the campaign for time slots to be allocated to rural regional Australia.

GM-A	Cr Dight	<u>Telstra Upgrade of a Mobile Phone Station at Yetman</u> <u>S18.6.62</u> Cr Dight advised the Committee of a Telstra proposal to upgrade a telecommunications facility at Warialda Road, Yetman. The proposal has been advertised seeking written submissions by the 17 October, 2016. Mr Henry advised that Council will make a submission in support of the proposed upgrades.
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SECTION H
GOVERNANCE REPORTS

1. GOVERNANCE - MONTHLY INVESTMENT REPORT S12.12.2/09

RESOLVED (Michael/Dight) 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.*

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

At 1.22pm, 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. No members of the public were present to make representations.

CLOSED COMMITTEE REPORTS

RESOLVED (Harmon/Dight) 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 1.35pm, the Chair verbally reported that the Committee, with the Press and Public excluded, having considered the matters referred to it, recommends as follows:

1. LAND MATTER - RIFLE RANGE ROAD, INVERELL S5.2.0/09

GM-A *That the Committee recommend to Council that Mr Basson be advised that:*

- i) the required land, being part Lot 12, DP 1196708 is available for sale on a deferred settlement arrangement;*
- ii) the purchase price will be determined by market appraisal plus subdivision costs;*
- iii) the sale will be subject to a three (3) year settlement wherein the deferred payment arrangement will attract a 3% p.a charge on the asking price;*
- iv) Council will not give any warranty or undertaking as to the necessary or required development approval or zoning compatibility;*
- v) the sale be subject to any other terms and conditions as deemed necessary or as negotiated with the General Manager; and*
- vi) all necessary documents be executed under Common Seal of Council.*

At this juncture, the time being 1.27pm, Cr Michael declared a pecuniary interest in Section G, Confidential Reports, Item 2, '104 Otho Street, Inverell'. The nature of the interest relates to Cr Michael's association with a developer with a possible interest in the property. Cr Michael left the meeting.

2. 104 OTHO STREET, INVERELL S5.2.1/18

GM-A *That the Committee recommend to Council that:*

- i) the listing price for this parcel of land be \$250K;*
- ii) the land be listed with all Inverell based Real Estate Agents; and*
- iii) the condition requiring a development of "an appropriate scale and capacity" be attached to the offering.*

At this juncture, the time being 1.35pm, Cr Michael returned to the meeting.

ADOPTION OF RECOMMENDATION

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

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 1.36pm.

CR J A WATTS

CHAIRPERSON