

MINUTES OF THE ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE  
MEETING HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, INVERELL SHIRE COUNCIL, 144  
OTHO STREET, INVERELL ON WEDNESDAY, 9 NOVEMBER, 2016,  
COMMENCING AT 11.40AM.

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

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

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 (Dight/King) that the Minutes of the Economic and Community Sustainability Committee Meeting held on 12 October, 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

The following interests were declared:

- Cr King declared a non-pecuniary interest in Section D, Destination Reports, Item 1, "Expiring Agreements". The nature of the interest relates to the Lessee being the son of Cr King.
- Cr Harmon declared a non-pecuniary interest in Section D, Destination Reports, Item 1, "Expiring Agreements". The nature of the interest relates to Cr Harmon being a member of the Club that leases the building.

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Nil

SECTION B  
ADVOCACY REPORTS

Cr Michael Art Exhibition - 56 Otho Street

Cr Michael noted his attendance as the Mayor's Representative at a retrospective exhibition held on 29 October, 2016 of the paintings of Marjory Schmidt.

Cr Michael Esther Gardner Poetry Book Launch

Cr Michael noted his attendance at Esther's Poetry Book Launch as the Mayor's Representative. Esther's Book Launch was held at the Inverell Library on 27 October, 2016.

Cr Michael      Inverell East Rotary – ‘The Great Inverell Duck Race’

Cr Michael attended the Duck Race as the Mayor's Representative on 27 October, 2016. The Duck Race had to be rescheduled due to the wet weather on the weekend of the Telstra Inverell Sapphire City Festival.

Cr Michael      Community Safety Precinct Committee Meeting (CSPC) – Glen Innes

Cr Michael attended the recent CSPC meeting held in Glen Innes on 2 November, 2016 as the Mayor's Representative.

The three (3) main topics discussed were:

- a) Domestic Violence – with a new position in the NSW Police being created for a state DV Co-ordination,
- b) Inverell recent house break-ins. Police have arrested those involved.
- c) Inverell Police Station – The new Inverell Police Station project is progressing.

Cr Harmon      Mobile Coverage – Copeton Dam

Cr Harmon noted an incident at Copeton Dam recently that required medical assistance. Triple zero was not able to be called due to the mobile phone coverage issues.

Cr Harmon suggested Council continue to advocate Federal and State Members for improved phone coverage in the area.

Cr King          Esther Gardner Poetry Book Launch

Cr King noted his attendance at Esther's Poetry Book Launch. Cr King extended thanks to Council staff for their assistance with the Launch.

Cr Berryman    Local Emergency Management Meeting

Cr Berryman noted his attendance at a Local Emergency Management Committee Meeting on 3 November, 2016.

Cr Harmon      Country Mayor's Association of NSW Meeting

Cr Harmon attended the recent Annual General Meeting, in which new executives were elected. The executive consists of the following Council representatives; Albury City Council, Narrabri Shire Council, Bega Valley Shire Council, Coonamble Shire Council, Inverell Shire Council, Moree Plains Shire Council, Tenterfield Shire Council and Uralla Shire Council.

Cr Harmon      NSW Rural Fire Graduation

Cr Harmon attended the NSW Rural Fire Graduation, with Certificates presented to six (6) Cadets from MacIntyre High School, within the Northern Tablelands.

Cr Watts        Book Launch – Heather Kerridge

Cr Watts attended Heather Kerridge's book launch. Local author Heather Kerridge launched her third book titled "Touching Tales: Endearing Stories From The Animal Kingdom."

The book contains wonderful true stories of peoples' interactions and experiences with animals, featuring anecdotes from numerous locals.

Cr Baker                      Library Zone Meeting

Cr Baker noted her attendance at the recent Library Zone Meeting held in Coffs Harbour.

Cr Watts & Cr Dight Hit the Ground Running Workshop

Cr Watts and Cr Dight attended the "Hit the Ground Running Workshop" for new Councillors at Tamworth. Both Councillors agreed that the Workshop was of value and also allowed the opportunity to network with other new Councillors in the region.

At this juncture, the time being 12.00pm, having previously declared a non-pecuniary interest in Section D, Destination Reports, Item 1, "Expiring Agreements", Cr King left the meeting.

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## SECTION D

### DESTINATION REPORTS

1. EXPIRING AGREEMENTS S5.10.43 & S5.10.84

1. Lease Agreement, Mr Nick King – Building at Inverell Pool, known as the “Gym”, Evans Street, Inverell.

CSOP-A                      *RESOLVED (Dight/Watts) that the Committee recommend to Council that:*

- i) Council renew the agreement with Mr Nick King for the Building at Inverell Pool, known as the "Gym", Evans Street, Inverell for a three (3) year period with a further three (3) year option under the same terms and conditions;
- ii) the lease fee be \$27.96 per day (GST Inclusive) subject to annual CPI adjustments; and
- iii) the Lease Agreement be subject to any other terms and conditions as negotiated by Council's General Manager.

At this juncture, the time being 12.10pm, Cr King returned to the meeting.

2. Licence Agreement, Mr Owen Lewis – Part Lot 7313, DP 1135965 and Part Unformed Road, Ross Street, Inverell.

CSOP-A      *RESOLVED (Harmon/King) that the Committee recommend to Council that the agreement be renewed, under the same terms and conditions, on a month-to-month basis.*

2. SPONSORSHIP REQUEST – 2017 INVERELL TOUGHEN UP CHALLENGE  
S12.22.1/10

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

- i) Council provide the same sponsorship as in previous years, being the Silver Sponsorship Package valued at \$500 plus GST; and

- ii) Council invite the Inverell Toughen Up Committee to provide a presentation to Council on the success and ongoing growth of the event.

3. ADDITIONAL CARPARKING - CATHERINE CAMPBELL CENTRE  
S5.10.10

GM-A *RESOLVED (King/Harmon) that the Committee recommend to Council that Council accede to the request to assist with the extension and resealing of the Catherine Campbell Centre carpark, which is located on Council owned land.*

At this juncture, the time being 12.20pm, Cr Peters arrived at the meeting.

4. REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE – INVERELL GIRL GUIDES S12.22.1/09

CSOP-A *RESOLVED (Michael/Harmon) that the Committee recommend to Council that Council contribute \$700 towards making the Inverell Girl Guide Hall compliant.*

SECTION E  
INFORMATION REPORTS

1. GRANTS TO VILLAGES AND RURAL AREAS –  
RECREATIONAL/CULTURAL GRANT 2016-2017 S15.8.6/09

2. SOCIAL HOUSING COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT FUND 2016 - ROSS HILL  
RESERVE S15.8.65/01

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

SECTION F  
QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

Cr Harmon Funding for Removal of Identified Plane Trees

Cr Harmon asked if the trees at the corner of Evans and Campbell Street will be removed as now that the trees are in full leaf they create a blackspot when entering Campbell Street from Evans Street.

Director Civil & Environmental Services, Mr Brett McInnes provided an update on the removal of further plane trees and noted the current resources available.

Cr Michael Lions Park Playground

Cr Michael asked when the Lions Park Playground will be open.

Director Civil & Environmental Services, Mr Brett McInnes advised that there is still works to be completed (pathway).

General Manager Service NSW

The General Manager, Mr Paul Henry informed the Committee of the possibility of establishing a "Service NSW" Office in Inverell. It is anticipated that the current Roads and Maritime Services building will be listed for sale by the end of the year.

Director Corporate & Economic Services NBN Co

Director Corporate and Economic Services, Mr Ken Beddie noted the availability of satellite service for rural residents.

Mr Beddie tabled additional information in this respect.

SECTION H  
GOVERNANCE REPORTS

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

*RESOLVED (Michael/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 2016/2017  
S12.5.1/09

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

- i) Council's Quarterly Operational Plan and Budget Review for 30 September, 2016 be adopted; and*
- ii) the proposed variations to budget votes for the 2016/2017 Financial Year be adopted providing an estimated Cash Surplus at 30 June, 2017 from operations of \$2,723.*

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 12.39pm.

CR J A WATTS

CHAIRPERSON