

MINUTES OF THE ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, INVERELL SHIRE COUNCIL, 144
OTHO STREET, INVERELL ON WEDNESDAY, 14 OCTOBER, 2015, COMMENCING
AT 10.00AM.

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

Also in attendance: 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:

Apologies were received from Crs Castledine and Johnston for personal reasons and Cr Harmon for business reasons.

RESOLVED (Baker/Watts) that the apologies from Crs Castledine, Johnston and Harmon be noted.

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON

The General Manager advised Councillors of the requirements of Council's Meeting Code and the need to elect a Chairperson for the next 12 month 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 period.

SECTION A

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED (Baker/Watts) that the Minutes of the Economic and Community Sustainability Committee Meeting held on 9 September, 2015 as circulated to members, be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting.

3. DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS/PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS

There were no interests declared.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Nil.

SECTION D
DESTINATION REPORTS

1. REQUEST TO LICENCE BUILDING – LIONS CLUB OF ASHFORD
S5.10.65

CSOP-A *RESOLVED (Baker/Michael) that the Committee recommend to Council that the Lions Club of Ashford be offered a licence for \$100 per annum for a three (3) year period for the store shed area including access to the shed, but excluding the entire compound.*

2. REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – INVERELL PIPE BAND INC.
S3.7.5

CSOP-A *RESOLVED (Jones/Baker) that the Committee recommend to Council that:*

- i) Council provide a donation of \$1000 to the Inverell Pipe Band for 2015/2016;*
- ii) a review on requests for future donations to the Inverell Pipe Band be undertaken in 12 months;*
- iii) Council request that the Inverell Pipe Band give consideration to performing at the ANZAC and Australia Day ceremonies as a minimum in recognition of Council's support for the Band; and*
- iv) a policy for donation requests over \$200 be developed.*

3. REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – MT RUSSELL HALL
S12.22.1/08 & S5.13.12

CSOP-A *RESOLVED (Girle/Baker) that the Committee recommend to Council that:*

- i) the request be noted;*
- ii) the Policy relating to local Halls remain in place; and*
- iii) the Mt Russell Hall Committee be advised of the current financial support.*

4. LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT - CAFE PROPOSAL S3.6.1/08

MLS-A *RESOLVED (Michael/Baker) that the Committee recommend to Council that Council take up Option 4, being two vending machines, one (1) hot and (1) cold, with a review in 12 months.*

5. RATING CATEGORY REVIEW S25.11.3

DCS-A *RESOLVED (Michael/Jones) that the Committee recommend to Council that a report on Rating Category Redistribution be prepared for the November Committee which includes, but is not limited to:*

- a) equity of the percentage of rate contributions across the categories,*
- b) capacity to pay,*
- c) maintaining relative to surrounding Local Government Areas.*

6. JOINT ORGANISATION OF COUNCILS - EMERGING DIRECTIONS
S13.1.2

GM-A *RESOLVED (Michael/Baker) that the Committee recommend to Council that Council's submission raise the following issues:*

- a) that the governing principles be supported,*
- b) ensure governance agreement and functions does not result in a 4th tier of Government,*
- c) opposed to the Board Sitting Fee,*
- d) Employment of an Executive Officer not be mandatory.*

7. MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING - E-WASTE FACILITY AND
REVOLVE STORE (LISTING) S31.8.1

RESOLVED (Girle/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. SMALL BUSINESS FRIENDLY COUNCIL PROGRAM S8.3.1/08

DCS-A *RESOLVED (Baker/Jones) that:*

- i) *the items contained in the Information Report to the Economic & Community Sustainability Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, 14 October, 2015, be received and noted; and*
- ii) *the Small Business Newsletter be automatically emailed to the Chamber of Commerce.*

2. LAND CLAIMS S5.2.3

The General Manager advised that Council is in receipt of correspondence from Trade & Investment Crown Lands confirming the lodgment of Land Claims within the Inverell Local Government Area. These claims may or may not affect land managed by Council or land which Council has identified for future projects, including a number of Council's operational gravel pits and road reserves.

GM-N *RESOLVED (Michael/Baker) that the Committee recommend to Council that Council object to these land claims due to the impact on Council's operations.*

SECTION F QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

Director Corporate and Economic Services	<u>Proposed Victoria Park Amenities Building Plan</u> The Director Corporate and Economic Services, Mr Ken Beddie tabled the plans for the proposed Victoria Park Amenities Building for the Committee's consideration. The Committee provided feedback for plan amendments.
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SECTION H GOVERNANCE REPORTS

1. STORES & MATERIALS STOCKTAKE S23.16.5/08

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

- i) *the stores and materials Stocktake information be received and noted; and*
- ii) *the adjustment of **\$220.97** be made in the Stores Ledger.*

2. 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.*

3. STORES & MATERIALS STOCKTAKE S23.16.5/07

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

- i) stores and materials Stocktake information be received and noted; and*
- ii) the adjustment of **\$234.31** be made in the Stores Ledger.*

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

At 11.52am, 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 (Michael/Baker) 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 12.23pm, the Chair verbally reported that the Committee, with the Press and Public excluded, having considered the matters referred to it, recommends as follows:

1. MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING - E-WASTE FACILITY AND REVOLVE STORE S31.8.1

MCE-A *That the Committee recommend to Council that a further report be provided to the Committee with additional information on the MOU.*

ADOPTION OF RECOMMENDATION

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

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 12.24pm.

CR J A WATTS

CHAIRPERSON