

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF INVERELL SHIRE COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, ADMINISTRATIVE CENTRE, 144 OTHO STREET, INVERELL ON WEDNESDAY, 16 DECEMBER, 2015, COMMENCING AT 3 PM.

PRESENT: Cr P J Harmon (Mayor) [Chairperson], Crs D F Baker, H N Castledine, P J Girle, B C Johnston, D C Jones, A A Michael, M J Peters and J A Watts.

The General Manager (Paul Henry) and Director Corporate & Economic Services (Ken Beddie).

APOLOGIES **S13.6.9/08**

Nil.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES **S13.5.2/08**

122/15 RESOLVED (Johnston/Girle) that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 25 November, 2015, as circulated to members, be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting.

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

There were no interests declared.

PUBLIC FORUM **S13.5.6/08**

There were no members of the public present to speak.

SECTION B
ADVOCACY REPORTS

Cr Watts Inverell Art Gallery

Cr Watts attended the last meeting of the Gallery and provided Council with a range of information in this matter. Cr Watts tabled a report for Council's information.

Cr Baker Best Food Garden

Cr Baker noted the Luncheon Event held at the Inverell Best Food Garden and the work of the Garden in supporting Inverell and the wider community.

GM-A Cr Girle Aged Care S3.16.1

Cr Girle noted the mid year financial outlook as presented by the Federal Treasurer. Cr Girle advised that \$472M is being cut out of the Federal Aged Care budget which will have significant impacts on Residential Aged Care and McLean Care.

123/15 RESOLVED (Michael/Baker) that Council seek a briefing from McLean Care in this matter with a view to raising the matter with the Local Member for New England, Mr Barnaby Joyce.

Cr Johnston Noxious Weeds

Cr Johnston attended the first meeting of the new Northern Tablelands Regional Weeds Committee and provided Council with information in this matter.

Cr Jones Mobile Phone Services

Vodafone have erected mobile phone services on the new Goldwind Tower on White Rock Mountain. An Official Opening will be held in Glen Innes on 21 December, 2015.

Cr Harmon Deputy Premier Visit

The Deputy Premier visited Inverell with Adam Marshall on 15 December, 2015 and visited the following sites:

- Inverell Police Station, with a view to establish a new Station in Inverell,
- The Inverell Art Gallery, to present the Gallery with a \$30,000 grant towards the cost of replacing the failed air-conditioning and to install a solar energy system,
- Cameron Park, to view the progress with the Cameron Park redevelopment,
- Varley Oval, to showcase Council's success in delivering high quality multi-use sporting facilities,
- Inverell Sports Complex, which has progressed to Stage 2 of the evaluation process for the current round of Clubgrants Funding.

**SUPPLEMENTARY SECTION C
COMMITTEE REPORTS**

124/15 RESOLVED (Jones/Girle) that the Supplementary Section C Committee Reports be considered by Council.

**1. WATER & SEWER ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES –
16 DECEMBER 2015 S4.11.19**

125/15 RESOLVED (Girle/Jones) that:

- i) the Minutes of the Water & Sewer Advisory Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, 16 December, 2015, be received and noted; and
- ii) the following recommendations of the Water & Sewer Advisory Committee be adopted by Council:

1. WATER PRESSURE AT DELUNGRA S32.13.3

That Council place the works to increase the water pressures at Delungra on the priority list according to the value determined by the application of the cost/benefit matrix.

2. WATER REQUIREMENTS FOR BINDAREE BEEF S8.5.1

That:

- i) the item contained in the Information Report to the Water & Sewer Advisory Committee held on Wednesday, 16 December, 2015 be received and noted; and
- ii) discussions be held with Bindaree Beef regarding the financing of the required upgrade works.

**2. WASTE MANAGEMENT SUNSET COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES –
16 DECEMBER 2015 S31.9.3**

126/15 RESOLVED (Johnston/Castledine) that:

- i) the Minutes of the Waste Management Sunset Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, 16 December, 2015, be received and noted; and
- ii) the following recommendations of the Waste Management Sunset Committee be adopted by Council:

1. INVERELL LANDFILL OPENING HOURS S31.8.1

That:

- i) the opening hours of the Inverell Landfill, from Monday 4 July, 2016, be:
Weekdays – 7.30am to 4.30pm
Weekends and Public Holidays – 9.00am to 3.30pm
- ii) the Landfill be closed on Good Friday, Easter Sunday, Anzac Day, Council Picnic Day and Christmas Day.

**2. MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) - WARRA-LI AND E-WASTE
S31.16.22**

That the following clauses be included in the MOU between Inverell Shire Council and Warra-Li:

- a) Clause 2.5 - There should be no presumption that the application to occupy shall be automatically granted by Council as Council will need to be satisfied as to the manner in which a seamless processing of the e-waste and revolve store can be effected. The application process provides an opportunity to consider all issues associated with the ongoing processing of e-waste and buy-back goods, and to determine the best outcome for the community.
- b) Clause 6.2 - Residual waste from the e-waste and buy back centre required to be placed in the waste cell, shall attract a disposal fee charged in accordance with Council's advertised fees and charges.

3. LANDFILL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PLAN S31.11.2

That:

- i) the report be received and noted; and
- ii) the quote from GHD be accepted to carry out the work.

4. CONSTRUCTION OF 'DROP-OFF' AREA FOR RECYCLABLES S5.11.69

That the quote from MB & CM Jorgensen be accepted.

**SECTION D
DESTINATION REPORTS**

**1. EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST - 104 OTHO STREET, INVERELL (LISTING)
S5.2.1/18**

127/15 RESOLVED (Jones/Johnston) 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.*

2. CROWN LANDS - REVIEW OF LAND MANAGEMENT PRACTICES S5.19.1

128/15 RESOLVED (Baker/Watts) *that the information be noted.*

3. PROPOSED DEDICATION OF CROWN ROADS TO INVERELL SHIRE COUNCIL – WATERLOO ROAD, PART WESTERN FEEDER AND ADJOINING UNFORMED ROADS S28.22.1/08

DP-A **129/15 RESOLVED** (Watts/Castledine) *that Council accept dedication of Waterloo Road, part Western Feeder and adjoining unformed roads.*

4. ASSET MANAGEMENT – INFRASTRUCTURE BACKLOG S5.6.2

130/15 RESOLVED (Baker/Johnston) *that the information be received and noted.*

5. PHOTOGRAPHIC ARCHIVAL RECORDING – NEWSTEAD STATION GROUP (LISTING) S18.6.36/04

131/15 RESOLVED (Baker/Castledine) *that the matter be referred to Closed Council for consideration as:*

- i) *the matters and information are 'Information concerning the nature and location of a place or an item of Aboriginal significance on community land.' (Section 10A(2)(h) 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. MANAGEMENT TEAM MATTERS S4.11.5/08

2. STRATEGIC TASKS – 'SIGN OFF' – NOVEMBER 2015 S4.13.2

3. CONSTRUCTION CERTIFICATES APPROVED FOR NOVEMBER 2015 S7.2.4/08

4. COMPLYING DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATES APPROVED DURING NOVEMBER 2015 S7.2.4/08

5. SUMMARY OF BUILDING CONSTRUCTION FOR NOVEMBER 2015
S7.2.4/08
6. DEVELOPMENT CONSENTS AND REFUSALS DURING NOVEMBER 2015
S18.10.2/08
7. SEPTIC TANK APPROVALS FOR NOVEMBER 2015 S29.19.1
8. ORDINANCE ACTIVITIES REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 2015 S18.10.1
9. WORKS UPDATE S28.21.1/08
10. VIEW SHARING AND RIGHTS TO A VIEW S18.6.11
11. RATE CAP - 2016/2017 FINANCIAL YEAR S25.11.3

132/15 RESOLVED (Michael/Jones) that the items contained in the Information Reports to the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Wednesday, 16 December, 2015, be received and noted.

SECTION F QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

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| | QWN/ORD 30/15
Cr Jones | <u>Federal Road Funding</u>

Cr Jones noted the continuing need for a greater level of road funding for Local Government and asked how this could be achieved. |
| DCES-A | QWN/ORD 31/15
Cr Watts | <u>Delungra Matters</u> <u>S28.10.2</u>

Cr Watts requested the following for the village of Delungra: <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Can the Delungra Playground shade shelter be looked at and replaced if necessary,– Can 'NO PARKING' be painted on the road outside the Delungra Fire Station,– Can the Sheep Station Creek Road and Reserve Creek Road be inspected for maintenance. |
| | QWN/ORD 32/15
Cr Girle | <u>Inverell Local History</u>

Cr Girle noted the work being done on the Inverell and Surrounding Districts Memories Facebook page and provided Council with information in this matter, including a newspaper article from 1954. |
| GM-A | QWN/ORD 33/15
Cr Johnston | <u>Local Government Funding</u> <u>S14.9.12</u>

Cr Johnston noted the need for Local Government NSW to continue to lobby strongly for improved funding for Local Government particularly for Rural NSW noting the substantial infrastructure they provide and maintain. Can this matter be taken up with Local Government NSW. |

- EPRO-N **QWN/ORD 34/15** Australian Local Government Women's Association (ALGWA)
Cr Baker Conference S4.3.1
- Cr Baker noted the 2016 ALGWA Conference.
- 133/15 RESOLVED** (*Castledine/Girle*) *that Cr Baker be authorised to attend the 2016 ALGWA Conference.*
- QWN/ORD 35/15** 2016/2017 Rate Peg
Cr Michael
- Cr Michael noted the inadequate 1.8% 2016/2017 Rate Peg amount and asked how this would impact Council's Fit for the Future Roadmap and the industry.
- The General Manager provided Council with details in this matter.
- CSOP-N **QWN/ORD 36/15** Leave of Absence S13.6.9/09
Cr Jones
- Cr Jones requested Leave of Absence for personal reasons for the February, 2016 Major Committee and Council meetings.
- 134/15 RESOLVED** (*Baker/Johnston*) *that Cr Jones be granted Leave of Absence for the February, 2016 Major Committee and Council meetings.*
- QWN/ORD 37/15** Kurrajong Re-enactment 2016
Cr Harmon
- Cr Harmon noted the 2016 event and encouraged Councillors to attend the events.

SECTION H GOVERNANCE REPORTS

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

135/15 RESOLVED (*Baker/Michael*) *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 COUNCIL (SECTION 10A(2) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1993)

At 4.29pm, the Chairperson offered the opportunity to members of the public to make representations as to whether any part of the Council Meeting should not be considered in Closed Council. There was no response.

CLOSED COUNCIL REPORTS

136/15 RESOLVED (*Castledine/Johnston*) *that Council proceed into Closed Council to discuss the matters referred to it, for the reasons stated in the motions of referral.*

Upon resuming Open Council at 5.10pm, the Chair verbally reported that the Council had met in Closed Council, with the Press and Public excluded, and had resolved to recommend to Council the following:

1. **EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST - 104 OTHO STREET, INVERELL S5.2.1/18**

EMCCS-A *That the Mayor and General Manager be authorised to hold further discussions with Best Employment and bring a further report to the February 2016 Ordinary Council Meeting.*

2. **PHOTOGRAPHIC ARCHIVAL RECORDING – NEWSTEAD STATION GROUP S18.6.36/04**

DP-A *That:*

- i) *Council make contact with the property owner to discuss the long term management and conservation opportunities for Newstead; and*
- ii) *Council engage a suitably qualified and experienced heritage consultant to undertake a Photographic Archival Recording of the Newstead Station Group of buildings.*

ADOPTION OF RECOMMENDATIONS

137/15 RESOLVED *(Baker/Johnston) that the recommendations of Closed Council be adopted.*

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 5.14pm.

CR P J HARMON

CHAIRPERSON