

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF INVERELL SHIRE COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, ADMINISTRATIVE CENTRE, 144 OTHO STREET, INVERELL ON WEDNESDAY, 25 FEBRUARY, 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), Director Corporate & Economic Services (Ken Beddie) and Director Civil & Environmental Services (Brett McInnes).

APOLOGIES **S13.6.9/08**

Nil.

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

1/15 RESOLVED (Watts/Johnston) that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 17 December, 2014, 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**

At this juncture, the time being 3.02pm, the Mayor welcomed the members of the public and opened the Public Forum Session by inviting members of the public to speak:

Mrs Sue Moran Town Centre Renewal Plan (TCRP)

Mrs Moran spoke in respect of her opposition to Council proceeding with the TCRP, particularly the removal of Plane Trees and the construction of a central median strip.

Ms Caroline Wilson Town Centre Renewal Plan (TCRP)

Note: Ms Wilson handed the General Manager a folder of petitions prior to addressing Council.

Ms Wilson spoke in respect of her opposition of the TCRP. Ms Wilson indicated that it is her belief that adequate consultation has not been undertaken in this matter. Ms Wilson provided a range of information in respect of the petition the Concerned Inverell's Ratepayer's Association have undertaken in this matter. Ms Wilson noted that a TCRP of some description is required for Inverell's economic benefit, but not the Plan in its current format.

Mr Larry Cameron Town Centre Renewal Plan (TCRP)

Mr Cameron spoke in respect of his opposition of the TCRP. Mr Cameron indicated that he had spoken to a range of ratepayers who indicated that they did not want a central median strip with Pin Oaks, the Plane Trees removed or a "mini mall/town square" at the Evans and Otho Street intersection.

Mr Greg Moran Town Centre Renewal Plan (TCRP)

Mr Moran spoke in respect of the TCRP and particularly road matters, noting his discussions with the NSW Roads & Maritime Services (RMS).

Mr Moran raised a range of concerns with the TCRP and asked for further community consultation to be undertaken in the matter. Mr Moran believes that some other components of the TCRP would provide good outcomes when implemented.

Mrs Desie Kearsey Town Centre Renewal Plan (TCRP)

Mrs Kearsey spoke in respect of her opposition of the TCRP.

Mrs Kearsey opposes the removal of the Plane Trees and the construction of a central median strip. Mrs Kearsey indicated that it was her opinion that Inverell does not require a TCRP.

At this juncture, the time being 3.31pm, the Public Forum Session closed and Council resumed the balance of the Agenda.

SECTION B ADVOCACY REPORTS

Cr Michael Ashford SES Headquarters

Cr Michael noted the recent successful opening of this critical infrastructure and the benefits this will generate for residents in the northern area of the shire.

Cr Michael Higher Mass Limits (HML) Vehicles

Cr Michael noted that he attended an inspection of the Bruxner Highway with the Member for Northern Tablelands, Mr Adam Marshall in an attempt to gain funding for the HML Assessment of this transport route.

Cr Baker Inverell Equestrian Council (IEC)

Cr Baker noted a recent meeting of the IEC. Cr Baker advised that a number of activities have been planned for 2015. The group is now debt free and will shortly be erecting a new fence around the arena with Council donated materials.

Cr Castledine Australia Day 2015

Cr Castledine noted the recent Australia Day celebrations and asked if additional power points could be located in Victoria park.

Cr Castledine Shire Infrastructure

Cr Castledine noted that a number of asset inspections have been undertaken including the Ashford Water Treatment Plant, Delungra area roads and the Nullamanna Road.

Cr Jones NBN

Cr Jones noted that he has received written advice that no NBN tower will be located in the Fernhill Road area. Residents who want a tower in this location will need to lobby the Federal Government.

1. **MAYORAL MINUTE: TOWN CENTRE RENEWAL PLAN** **S30.11.4**

2/15 RESOLVED (Harmon/Johnston) that the executive members of the Concerned Inverell's Ratepayer's Association (CIRA) be invited to meet with Council representatives to discuss their concerns.

At this juncture, the time being 3.34pm, Cr Baker left the Chambers.

2. **NOTICE OF MOTION: PLANE TREES** **S13.5.3 & S30.11.4**

MOTION (Peters/Jones) that Inverell Shire Council:

- 1) acknowledge the concerns raised in the CIRA petition.
- 2) undertake as stipulated in Chapter 3 of the Local Government Act 1993 to "keep the local community ... informed about its activities" and in doing so engage with the community in a consultative process by implementing forums with voting capacity.
- 3) amend the TCRP and in doing so, refrain from removing the London Plane trees and inserting a median strip in Otho St and Byron St.
- 4) place an addendum to the TCRP that whenever in the future a London Plane tree has to be removed, that it be replaced with either another London Plane tree or Ornamental Plane tree and given appropriate treatment such as placement where possible into beds.

The Motion on being put to the meeting was lost.

At this juncture, the time being 3.46pm, Cr Baker returned to the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

At this juncture, the time being 3.47pm, Council adjourned.

RESUMPTION

At this juncture, the time being 3.52pm, Council reconvened.

SECTION C
COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. **INVERELL LIQUOR CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**
S19.9.1

3/15 RESOLVED (Baker/Johnston) that:

- i) the Minutes of the Inverell Liquor Consultative Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, 2 December, 2014, be received and noted; and

the following recommendation of the Inverell Liquor Consultative Committee be adopted by Council:

1. **INVERELL & DISTRICT LIQUOR ACCORD TERMS DOCUMENT**
S19.9.1

That the Inverell & District Liquor Accord Terms Document be adopted.

2. ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES – 11 FEBRUARY 2015 S4.11.17/07

4/15 RESOLVED (Watts/Michael) that:

- i) *the Minutes of the Economic & Community Sustainability Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, 11 February, 2015, be received and noted; and*
- ii) *the following recommendations of the Economic & Community Sustainability Committee be adopted by Council:*

1. FIT FOR THE FUTURE (FFF) ROADMAP - WATER AND SEWERAGE
ACTIVITIES S13.1.2

That:

- i) *Council's Water and Sewer Operations continue on a stand alone basis, noting the strong financial position, scale and capacity of these Council undertakings;*
- ii) *Council maintain the current framework and practices for water and sewer management inclusive of its current pricing structure;*
- iii) *Council review its water and sewer pricing structure against Council's operational need and the Office of Water 'Best Practice Management Framework' (BPMF) on an annual basis;*
- iv) *Council note Council's 20 Year Water and Sewer Asset Management Plans, Long Term Financial Plans and the Water and Sewer Operations SWOT Analysis.*

That Council staff be authorised to prepare Inverell Shire Council's water and sewerage Fit for the Future Roadmap in accordance with i-iv above.

2. GRAFTON TO INVERELL SPORTIFF EVENT - WAIVING OF ALCOHOL
PROHIBITED AREA REQUEST FOR VICTORIA PARK S18.8.1

That:

- i) *alcohol be permitted from 5.30pm – 11:59pm on Saturday, 21 February, 2015 in the cordoned off area in Victoria Park being utilised for the Grafton to Inverell Sportiff Event; and*
- ii) *a notice of the suspension of the Alcohol Prohibited Area be published in the Inverell Times.*

3. STORES & MATERIALS STOCKTAKE – INVERELL, NOVEMBER 2014
S23.16.5/07

That:

- i) *the stores and materials Stocktake information be received and noted; and*
- ii) *the adjustment of **-\$2,476.62** be made in the Stores Ledger.*

4. STORES & MATERIALS STOCKTAKE – INVERELL, DECEMBER 2014
S23.16.5/07

That:

- i) *the stores and materials Stocktake information be received and noted; and*

- ii) *the adjustment of **-\$162.82** be made in the Stores Ledger.*

5. STORES & MATERIALS STOCKTAKE – ASHFORD, DECEMBER 2014
S23.16.5/07

That:

- i) *the stores and materials Stocktake information be received and noted; and*
ii) *the adjustment of **\$254.07** made in the Stores Ledger.*

6. STORES & MATERIALS STOCKTAKE – FUEL TANKER T212
S23.16.5/07

That:

- i) *the stores and materials Stocktake information be received and noted; and*
ii) *the adjustment of **-\$128.22** made in the Stores Ledger.*

7. STORES & MATERIALS STOCKTAKE – FUEL TANKER T190 S23.16.5/07

That:

- i) *the stores and materials Stocktake information be received and noted; and*
ii) *the adjustment of **-\$55.20** made in the Stores Ledger.*

8. STORES & MATERIALS STOCKTAKE – INVERELL, JANUARY 2015
S23.16.5/08

That:

- i) *the stores and materials Stocktake information be received and noted; and*
ii) *the adjustment of **-\$322.45** be made in the Stores Ledger.*

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

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.*

10. QUARTERLY BUDGET AND OPERATIONAL PLAN REVIEW 2014/2015
S12.5.1/08

That:

- i) *Council's Quarterly Operational Plan and Budget Review for 31 December, 2014 be adopted; and*
ii) *the proposed variations to budget votes for the 2014/2015 Financial Year be adopted providing an estimated Cash Surplus at 30 June, 2015 from operations of \$4,959.*

**3. CIVIL & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES –
11 FEBRUARY 2015 S4.11.16/07**

5/15 RESOLVED (Castledine/Jones) that:

- i) *the Minutes of the Civil & Environmental Services Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, 11 February, 2015, be received and noted; and*
- ii) *the following recommendations of the Civil & Environmental Services Committee be considered by Council:*

**1. NORTH WEST WEIGHT OF LOADS - MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT
S28.11.1**

That the 2015-2020 North West Weight of Loads Inter-Council Memorandum of Agreement be executed under the Common Seal of Council.

2. SHIRE ENTRY SIGN TEXAS ROAD - CONCEPT DESIGNS S28.9.19

That 'Option 2' be accepted with suggested font change.

3. INVERELL CRITERIUM S28.27.1/08

That:

- i) *Council approve the temporary road closure of the block bounded by Byron, Lawrence, Sweaney and Vivian Streets between 2pm and 5pm on Saturday, 21 March, 2015 to facilitate the Inverell Cycle 'n' Tri Club Criterium; and*
- ii) *the applicants be responsible for the costs associated with the closure consistent with Council's adopted fee schedule.*

**SUPPLEMENTARY SECTION C
COMMITTEE REPORTS**

6/15 RESOLVED (Watts/Baker) that the Supplementary Section C Committee Report be considered.

**4. AUDIT & RISK COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES – 25 FEBRUARY 2015
S4.11.21**

7/15 RESOLVED (Watts/Baker) that:

- i) *the Minutes of the Audit & Risk Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, 25 February, 2015, be received and noted; and*
- ii) *the following recommendations of the Audit & Risk Committee be considered by Council:*

1. STATEWIDE MUTUAL SURPLUS DISTRIBUTION S27.1.12

That Council's Continuous Improvement Pathway – Risk Management Action Plan be noted.

2. SALE OF SURPLUS PROPERTY S5.2.0/08

That Council dispose of the property known as 370 Yetman Road, Inverell, subject to confirmation that the block cannot be further subdivided being in the Saleyards Buffer Zone.

3. BULK WATER CHARGES - GUYRA SHIRE COUNCIL S32.1.2

That the Committee recommend to Council that the Bulk Water Charge for Water Sales to Guyra Shire Council for the Tingha Water Supply for 2015/2016 be \$1.37 per kilolitre.

4. ECONOMIC FORECASTS - NSW TREASURY CORPORATION S12.20.3

That the information be received and noted.

**SECTION D
DESTINATION REPORTS**

1. PLANNING PROPOSAL - AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO INVERELL LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL PLAN 2012 – AUTHORISATION TO PROCEED WITH MAKING OF THE PLAN S18.6.34/07

DP-A **8/15 RESOLVED** (Baker/Johnston) that:

- i) *a request be made to Parliamentary Counsel to prepare the draft instrument pursuant to Section 59 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979;*
- ii) *the Director Civil and Environmental Services be authorised to determine the terms of the draft instrument in consultation with Parliamentary Counsel, consistent with the intent of the Planning Proposal; and*
- iii) *the draft instrument be gazetted.*

2. FIT FOR THE FUTURE (FFF) - A UNITED SERVICES UNION (USU) PERSPECTIVE S13.1.2

GM-A **9/15 RESOLVED** (Michael/Baker) that:

- i) *the report by UNE Research be noted, and*
- ii) *Council have discussions with Mr Brown on matters of concern in relation to the FFF Program.*

**SECTION E
INFORMATION REPORTS**

1. MANAGEMENT TEAM MINUTES S4.11.5/07

2. ANNUAL LEAVE S22.13.2/04

3. SHORT STREET, GILGAI S6.8.5/08

4. 2013-2014 LOCAL DEVELOPMENT MONITORING REPORT S18.6.11

5. STRATEGIC TASKS – ‘SIGN OFF’ – NOVEMBER & DECEMBER 2014 AND JANUARY, 2015 S4.13.2

6. CONSTRUCTION CERTIFICATES APPROVED FOR DECEMBER 2014 AND JANUARY 2015 S7.2.4/07 & S7.2.4/08

7. COMPLYING DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATES APPROVED DURING DECEMBER 2014 AND JANUARY 2015 S7.2.4/07 & S7.2.4/08

8. SUMMARY OF BUILDING CONSTRUCTION FOR DECEMBER 2014 AND JANUARY 2015 S7.2.4/07 & S7.2.4/08

9. DEVELOPMENT CONSENTS AND REFUSALS DURING DECEMBER 2014 AND JANUARY 2015 S18.10.2/07 & S18.10.2/08
10. SEPTIC TANK APPROVALS FOR DECEMBER 2014 AND JANUARY 2015 S29.19.1
11. ORDINANCE ACTIVITIES REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2014 AND JANUARY 2015 S18.10.1
12. TINTOT BRIDGE RENEWAL S28.7.18/23

10/15 RESOLVED (Michael/Baker) that the items contained in the Information Reports to the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Wednesday, 25 February, 2015, be received and noted.

SECTION F
QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

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| MEE-A | QWN/ORD 1/15
Cr Watts | <u>Ashford Water Treatment Plant</u> <u>S5.9.12</u>

Cr Watts asked if an inspection of the new Ashford WTP could be arranged for Councillors. |
| | QWN/ORD 2/15
Cr Watts | <u>New May Street Park</u>

Cr Watts asked if this park has been officially named.

The General Manager advised that the park has not yet been named. |
| | QWN/ORD 3/15
Cr Jones | <u>Medical Services</u>

Cr Jones noted the contribution made to the Inverell community by a local medical practitioner and requested that some form of recognition be considered for their significant community contribution. |
| | QWN/ORD 4/15
Cr Girle | <u>Drug Issues</u>

Cr Girle noted concerns raised by a number of community members and requested that these matters be taken up with Police and then be acted upon by Police. |
| | QWN/ORD 5/15
Cr Girle | <u>Inverell Courthouse</u>

Cr Girle requested that Council make representations to have the exterior of the Inverell Courthouse maintained. |
| | QWN/ORD 6/15
Cr Baker | <u>Drug Issues</u>

Cr Baker asked what action can be taken by Council to encourage the anti-illicit drugs message in the Inverell Shire. |

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 4.45pm.

CR P J HARMON

CHAIRPERSON