

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF INVERELL SHIRE COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, ADMINISTRATIVE CENTRE, 144 OTHO STREET, INVERELL ON WEDNESDAY, 27 APRIL, 2016, 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 and J A Watts.

The General Manager (Paul Henry), Director Corporate & Economic Services (Ken Beddie) and Director Civil & Environmental Services (Brett McInnes).

**SECTION A**

**APOLOGIES** **S13.6.9/09**

The General Manager advised that Cr Peters tendered his apology and sought leave of absence for business reasons.

**23/16 RESOLVED** *(Jones/Watts) that the apology from Cr Peters due to his absence for business reasons be accepted, and that leave of absence be granted.*

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES** **S13.5.2/09**

**24/16 RESOLVED** *(Johnston/Michael) that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 23 March, 2016, 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** **S13.5.6/09**

At this juncture, the time being 3.05pm, the Mayor welcomed the members of the public and opened the Public Forum Session by inviting members of the public to speak:

Mr Les Eastaway London Plane Trees

Mr Eastaway noted the Plane Trees in and around Inverell, particularly at Varley Oval. Mr Eastaway asked if it was Council's direction that the London Plane Trees at Varley Oval be removed, noting the comment of a staff member.

Director Civil & Environmental Services, Mr Brett McInnes advised that the tree is not being removed. This tree, like a number of mature trees around the town had suffered due to the prolonged hot weather. It is being treated to deal with the impact of the weather.

At this juncture, the time being 3.10pm, the Public Forum Session closed and Council resumed the balance of the Agenda.

**SECTION B**  
**ADVOCACY REPORTS**

Cr Watts Domestic Violence Forum

Cr Watts noted the success of the recent event and the need to keep this issue at the forefront on the community's mind.

- Cr Girle                    Seniors Week
- Cr Girle noted the success of the recent Seniors Week events.
- Cr Harmon                Inverell Anzac Event
- Cr Harmon noted the strong community support of the Inverell Anzac Day event.
- Cr Watts                   Delungra Anzac Event
- Cr Watts was pleased to advise that the Delungra Anzac Day event was well supported by the community of Delungra.
- Cr Michael                Bellevue Park Upgrade
- Cr Michael officially opened the new Bellevue Park playground on 12 April, 2016. The community has expressed its appreciation for the new facility.
- GM-A           Cr Baker                Anzac Day                    S26.3.3/09
- Cr Baker noted the Anzac Day events, having attended the Ashford event. Cr Baker asked that Ashford School be commended on their organisation of the Ashford event.
- 25/16 RESOLVED (Baker/Michael) that a letter of appreciation be sent to Ashford School in this matter.***

**SECTION C  
COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**1.        AUDIT & RISK COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES – 23 MARCH 2016  
          S4.11.21**

***26/16 RESOLVED (Johnston/Watts) that:***

- i)        the Minutes of the Audit & Risk Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, 23 March, 2016, be received and noted; and*
- ii)       the following recommendations of the Audit & Risk Committee be adopted by Council:*

**1.        WORK HEALTH AND SAFETY AUDIT REPORT 2014/2015                    S27.1.11**

*That:*

- i)        the information be received and noted including Council's sound performance in this area, and*
- ii)       a further report be provided to the July 2016 Committee meeting in respect of the Reporting of Injuries.*

**2.        ECONOMIC FORECASTS - NSW TREASURY CORPORATION                    S12.20.3**

*That the information be received and noted.*

**3.        GOVERNANCE – QUARTERLY INVESTMENT REPORT                    S12.12.5/09**

*That the information be noted.*

**4. LIGHTING PLAN S28.9.20**

**27/16 RESOLVED** (Baker/Castledine) that the issue of the development of a decorative lighting plan for the Inverell CBD be referred to the TCRP Sunset Committee for consideration.

**2. CIVIL & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES – 13 APRIL 2016 S4.11.16/08**

**28/16 RESOLVED** (Castledine/Watts) that:

- i) the Minutes of the Civil & Environmental Services Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, 13 April, 2016, be received and noted; and
- ii) the following recommendation of the Civil & Environmental Services Committee be adopted by Council:

**1. REVIEW OF COMPLYING DEVELOPMENT FOR INLAND NSW S18.3.1**

That Council endorse the draft submission to NSW Department of Planning and Environment in relation to the background paper – A Review of Complying Development for Inland NSW.

**3. ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES – 13 APRIL 2016 S4.11.17/08**

**29/16 RESOLVED** (Watts/Johnston) that:

- i) the Minutes of the Economic & Community Sustainability Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, 13 April, 2016, be received and noted; and
- ii) the following recommendations of the Economic & Community Sustainability Committee be adopted by Council:

**1. AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION 2016 NSW CONFERENCE S4.3.1**

That the information be received and noted.

**2. EXPIRING LICENCE AGREEMENTS S5.10.65**

- 1. Licence Agreement, Macintyre High School - Lot 1, DP 771853, Corner Brissett & Killeen Streets, Inverell.

That:

- i) Council renew the agreement with Macintyre High School for Lot 1, DP 771853 Brissett Street, Inverell for a three (3) year period with a further three (3) year option under the same terms and conditions;
- ii) the licence fee be \$60.00 per annum (GST inclusive); and
- iii) the Licence Agreement be subject to any other terms and conditions as negotiated by Council's General Manager.

- 2. Licence Agreement, Mr Mervyn Fenton - Part Road adjoining Lot 2, DP 704034, Old Bundarra Road, Inverell.

That:

- i) Council renew the agreement with Mr Mervyn Fenton for Part Lane adjoining Lot 2, DP 704034, Old Bundarra Road, Inverell for a three (3) year period with a further three (3) year option under the same terms and conditions;
  - ii) the licence fee be \$60.00 per annum (GST inclusive); and
  - iii) the Licence Agreement be subject to any other terms and conditions as negotiated by Council's General Manager.
3. Licence Agreement, Mr Peter and Mrs Jennifer Dixon - Part Public Reserve, Old Bundarra Road, Inverell.

That:

- i) Council renew the agreement with Mr Peter and Mrs Jennifer Dixon for Part Public Reserve, Old Bundarra Road, Inverell for a three (3) year period with a further three (3) year option under the same terms and conditions;
  - ii) the licence fee be \$1250.00 per annum (GST inclusive) with a 3% increase per annum; and
  - iii) the Licence Agreement be subject to any other terms and conditions as negotiated by Council's General Manager.
4. Licence Agreement, Kameg Pty Ltd - Part of Ring Street, Adjacent to Lot 3, Section 1 DP 5609, Inverell.

That:

- i) Council renew the agreement with Kameg Pty Ltd for Part of Ring Street, adjacent to Lot 3, Section 1 DP 5609, Inverell, for a three (3) year period with a further three (3) year option under the same terms and conditions;
  - ii) the licence fee to be \$805.00 per annum (GST inclusive) with a 3% increase per annum; and
  - iii) the Licence Agreement be subject to any other terms and conditions as negotiated by Council's General Manager.
5. Licence Agreement, Mr Hilton Gordon - Part Closed Lane adjoining Lot 1, DP 567233, Wynne Street, Inverell.

That:

- i) Council renew the agreement with Mr Hilton Gordon for Part Closed Lane adjoining Lot 1, DP 567233, Wynne Street, Inverell, for a three (3) year period with a further three (3) year option under the same terms and conditions;
- ii) the licence fee to be \$95.00 per annum (GST inclusive) with a 3% increase per annum; and
- iii) the Licence Agreement be subject to any other terms and conditions as negotiated by Council's General Manager.

6. Licence Agreement, Mr Terry and Mrs Catherine Rainger - Lot 89, DP 754847, Little Plain Recreation Reserve.

*That:*

- i) Council renew the agreement with Mr Terry and Mrs Catherine Rainger for Lot 89, DP 754847, Little Plain Recreation Reserve, for a three (3) year period with a further three (3) year option under the same terms and conditions;*
- ii) the licence fee to be \$380.00 per annum (GST inclusive) with a 3% increase per annum; and*
- iii) the Licence Agreement be subject to any other terms and conditions as negotiated by Council's General Manager.*

7. Licence Agreement, Mr Garry and Mrs Robyn Brown – Part Unformed Road, Eastern Boundary of Lot 263, DP 753287, Inverell.

*That:*

- i) Council renew the agreement with Mr Garry and Mrs Robyn Brown for Part Unformed Road, Eastern Boundary of Lot 263, DP 753287, Inverell, for a three (3) year period with a further three (3) year option under the same terms and conditions;*
- ii) the licence fee to be \$90.00 per annum (GST inclusive) with a 3% increase per annum; and*
- iii) the Licence Agreement be subject to any other terms and conditions as negotiated by Council's General Manager.*

8. Licence Agreement, Mr Grant Hoscher - Part Unformed Road adjoining Lot 133, DP 753287, Dog Trap Lane, Inverell.

*That:*

- i) Council renew the agreement with Mr Grant Hoscher for Part Unformed Road adjoining Lot 133, DP 753287, Dog Trap Lane, Inverell, for a three (3) year period with a further three (3) year option under the same terms and conditions;*
- ii) the licence fee to be \$65.00 per annum (GST inclusive) with a 3% increase per annum; and*
- iii) the Licence Agreement be subject to any other terms and conditions as negotiated by Council's General Manager.*

3. DISPLAY OF STREET BANNERS IN CBD S2.23.1

*That additional street banner poles be fabricated and installed at a location in Byron Street that is the most appropriate site.*

4. INVERELL & DISTRICT LAPIDARY CLUB - REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE  
S26.4.19

*That:*

- i) this project be suggested as a possible project of the NSW Community Building Partnership fund;*

- ii) *the required 50% matching contribution be treated as a loan to the Club; and*
- iii) *the grant application be submitted on the basis that the loan is to be appropriately secured prior to submitting.*

5. YETMAN COMMUNITY BUS S23.7.18

*That the Yetman Hall Committee be advised that Council is prepared to consider registering the bus as a Council asset, however a further report be prepared for the Audit & Risk Committee on the risks associated with this course of action.*

6. 2016/2017 DRAFT ESTIMATES AND OPERATIONAL PLAN, AND LONG TERM FINANCIAL PLAN S12.5.3

*That:*

1. GENERAL ACTIVITIES

*The following works be funded from the Urban Works Vote and be included in the 2016/2017 Budget:*

1.1 Urban Works Program

A. Inverell and Villages - Urban Renewal and Upgrade General Fund, Water Fund

Captain Cook Drive/Wood Street Intersection	\$ 85K	\$ 0K
Gilchrist Street Shoulder, Kerb and Gutter	\$ 50K	\$ 0K
Town Centre Renewal Plan Works		
- Byron Street Drainage Works adjacent to KFC	\$ 30K	
- Other Renewal Works	\$ 270K	
Minor Urban Projects/Design	\$ 12K	
	\$ 447K	

B. Footpaths and Cycleway Construction

\$ for \$ Contribution to PAMP Program \$ 70K  
(RMS approved the 2016/2017 Program)

C. Urban Drainage Construction/Reconstruction

Drainage Constructions – Funded from Stormwater Management Service Charge – See separate section below

D. Village Works – Community suggested projects

Ashford	\$ 6K
Delungra	\$ 6K
Gilgai	\$ 5K
Yetman	\$ 6K
Oakwood	\$ 1K
Bonshaw	\$ 1K
Graman	\$ 1K
Nullamanna	\$ 1K
Elsmore	\$ 1K
Stannifer	\$ 1K
Gum Flat	\$ 1K

**GENERAL FUND GRAND TOTAL**  
**WATER FUND TOTAL**

**\$ 547K**  
**\$ 0K**

1.2 Finance and Assistance Grant – Local Roads Component (ACRD) 2016/2017 Program

*That:*

- i) the budget allocations for the 2016/2017 ACRD Program be noted; and*
- ii) a further report be presented to the Civil and Environmental Services Committee in respect of the funding allocations and individual works proposed to be undertaken under this program.*

1.3 RMS Supplementary Block Grant Program

*That the allocation of the \$160K RMS Supplementary Block Grant Program be the subject of a further report to the Civil and Environmental Services Committee Meeting.*

1.4 Roads to Recovery Program

*That:*

- i) the budget allocation for the 2016/2017 Roads to Recovery Program be endorsed; and*
- ii) a further report be presented to the Civil and Environment Committee in respect of the specific projects to be funded.*

1.5 Block Grant Program – Regional Roads

*That the 2016/2017 Block Grant Program for the Regional Road Network be endorsed.*

1.6 Road Construction and Asset Maintenance Program (non-recurrent)

*That the \$1.0M revenue funded 2016/2017 Road Construction and Asset Management (non-recurrent) Program be endorsed.*

1.7 Variations to Budget

*That:*

- i) the information be noted;*
- ii) Council provide an allocation of \$150,000 for joint industry promotions and assistance;*
- iii) the following 2016/2017 Strategic Capital Infrastructure/Projects Program projects be endorsed:*
  - Community Building Partnerships Program \$ for \$ \$ 60K*
  - Local Government Election Expenses \$ 95K*
  - John Street, Inverell – Upgrade and Seal \$ 20K*
  - Urban Construction – Oliver Street Extension to Swanbrook Road and Intersection Works \$ 340K*
- iv) the transfers to and from Internally Restricted Assets be endorsed.*

1.8 Rates

1.8.1 General Comments

*That Council utilise the maximum permissible rate increase allowed by the IPART/State Government of 1.8%.*

1.8.2 Rating Structure

*That the General Base Amount and the General Ad Valorem Rates be determined utilising the maximum permissible increase allowed by the State Government and the categories be:*

*Residential – Inverell  
Residential – General  
Residential – Ashford  
Residential – Delungra  
Residential – Gilgai  
Residential – Yetman  
Residential – Rural  
Business – Inverell Industrial/Commercial  
Business – Other  
Farmland  
Mining*

1.8.3 Effect on Rates

*That:*

- i) the information be noted; and*
- ii) the Interest Rate applicable to Outstanding Rates and Charges for 2016/2017 be the maximum allowable as advised by the Office of Local Government.*

1.9 Waste Management Charges

*That the following Waste Management Charges be adopted:*

- i) Waste Management Charge – All Properties \$ 80.00*
- ii) Domestic Waste Management - Occupied Charge:*

Number of Services per Assessment	Annual Charge per Assessment
1	\$ 320.00
2	\$ 640.00
3	\$ 960.00
4	\$ 1,280.00
5	\$ 1,600.00
6	\$ 1,920.00
7	\$ 2,240.00
8	\$ 2,560.00
9	\$ 2,880.00
10	\$ 3,200.00
11	\$ 3,520.00
12	\$ 3,840.00
13	\$ 4,160.00
14	\$ 4,480.00
15	\$ 4,800.00
	etc

- iii) Domestic Waste Management – Unoccupied Charge \$50.00*
- iv) Other Waste Management Charge*



Number of Services	Yearly Charge per Service (Ex GST)
1	\$ 320.00
2	\$ 640.00
3	\$ 960.00
4	\$ 1,280.00
5	\$ 1,600.00
6	\$ 1,920.00
7	\$ 2,240.00
8	\$ 2,560.00
9	\$ 2,880.00
10	\$ 3,200.00
11	\$ 3,520.00
12	\$ 3,840.00
13	\$ 4,160.00
14	\$ 4,480.00
15	\$ 4,800.00
	etc

- d) *Weekly Commercial Recycling Charge* \$ 110.00 ex GST  
*Fortnightly Commercial Recycling Charge* \$ 55.00 ex GST  
*(These Charges are levied per Service, and GST is only charged if applicable)*

#### 1.10 Fees & Charges

*That the Fees and Charges, as recommended, be adopted.*

#### 1.11 Stormwater Management Service Charge

*That:*

- i) *the Stormwater Management Service Charge be set at the maximum amount allowable of \$25.00 per Residential Premises, \$12.50 per Residential Strata lot, and \$25.00 for Business Premises for each 350 square metres or additional part thereof, subject to a maximum charge on Business Premises of \$150.00; and*
- ii) *the Stormwater Management Program as recommended being Gilgai Drainage, be adopted.*

#### 1.12 Summary

*That:*

- i) *the report on the balanced budget be noted;*
- ii) *the list of inclusions as included in the 2016/2017 draft Operational Plan/Budget at Section 1.6.1 be endorsed including:*

• Local Heritage Program	\$ 20,000
• Opera in the Paddock (Program Re-instated)	\$ 5,000
• Grafton to Inverell	\$ 1,000
• Administration Postage	\$ 2,700
• Finance Postage	\$ 1,575
• Library Postage	\$ 900
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 31,175</b>

*And*

- *Road Grading (budget to meet service levels)* \$ 73,000

• Cameron Park Maintenance	\$ 15,000
• May Street Park Maintenance (New Budget)	\$ 3,000
• Public Toilets Maintenance	\$ 5,000
• Lake Inverell Maintenance	\$ 3,000
• Central Business District Maintenance	\$ 4,000
• Cycleway Maintenance	\$ 2,000
• Ashford Oval Expenses	\$ 1,000
• Victoria Park Expenses	\$ 1,000
• Campbell Park Expenses	\$ 1,000
• Bellevue Park Expenses	<u>\$ 3,000</u>
	TOTAL \$ 111,000

- iii) *the draft Estimates (incorporating the Operational Plan) for the General Activities for 2016/2017 be adopted and placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days as required by Section 405 of the Local Government Act 1993.*

#### 1.13 Fit for the Future

*That the Fit for the Future Performance Benchmarks for the General Fund for the 2016/2017 draft Operational Plan and Budget be noted.*

#### ADJOURNMENT

At this juncture, the time being 12.35pm, the Committee adjourned.

#### RESUMPTION

At this juncture, the time being 12.40pm, the Committee reconvened.

#### LONG TERM FINANCIAL PLAN

Note: the Long Term Financial Plan provides for a further three (3) year funding of the operations of the Art Gallery.

*That:*

- i) *the Long Term Financial Plan be adopted on the basis of Council fully implementing Council's IPART approved Fit for the Future Roadmap;*
- ii) *Council continue to pursue its ongoing Operational Efficiency and Effectiveness Program to achieve a continuing improvement in its efficiency as measured by the Real Operating Costs per Capita Benchmark; and*
- iii) *the Long Term Financial Plan be placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days.*

#### ASSET MANAGEMENT PLANNING

*That:*

- i) *the Road Infrastructure Asset Management Plans be adopted; and*
- ii) *the Plans be placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days.*

#### 2. SEWERAGE ACTIVITIES

*That:*

- (i) *the Sewerage Charges as listed below be adopted for 2016/2017:*

<i>Sewerage Charge Occupied</i>	<i>\$ 500.00</i>
<i>Sewerage Charge Unoccupied</i>	<i>\$ 313.00</i>
<i>Sewerage Charge Flats/Units</i>	<i>\$ 313.00</i>
<i>Sewerage Charge Nursing Homes</i>	<i>\$2,342.00</i>

<i>Sewerage Charge Hotel/Licensed Clubs</i>	<i>\$1,500.00</i>
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<i>Number of Services per Assessment</i>	<i>Annual Charge Per Assessment</i>
1	\$ 500.00
2	\$ 813.00
3	\$1,126.00
4	\$1,439.00
5	\$1,752.00
6	\$2,065.00
7	\$2,378.00
8	\$2,691.00
9	\$3,004.00
10	\$3,317.00
11	\$3,630.00
12	\$3,943.00
13	\$4,256.00
14	\$4,569.00
15	\$4,882.00

<i>Sewerage Non-Rateable Schools – WC's</i>	<i>\$ 72.45 per receptacle</i>
<i>Sewerage Non-Rateable Other – WC's</i>	<i>\$120.75 per receptacle</i>
<i>Sewerage Non-Rateable Urinals</i>	<i>\$ 72.45 per receptacle</i>

*Charge Structure for Motels and Caravan Parks*

*In accordance with the new charge structure for Motels and Caravan Parks the following charges are proposed with 2016/2017.*

<i>Motel Residence</i>	<i>\$ 500.00</i>
<i>Motel</i>	<i>\$ 500.00</i>
<i>Motel Ensuite</i>	<i>\$ 156.60</i>
<i>Caravan Park Residence</i>	<i>\$ 500.00</i>
<i>Caravan Park Amenities Block</i>	<i>\$1,500.00</i>
<i>Caravan Park Ensuite Cabins</i>	<i>\$ 156.60</i>

- (ii) *the Draft Estimates (incorporating Operational Plan) for the Sewerage Fund for 2016/2017 be adopted and placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days as required by Section 405 of the Local Government Act 1993.*

3. **WATER ACTIVITIES**

*That:*

- i) a water availability base charge of \$364.00 per assessment (Includes first water meter) be adopted for 2016/2017;*
- ii) a water charge of \$364.00 per additional water meter, per assessment be adopted for 2016/2017;*
- iii) a charge of \$1.45 per kilolitre be adopted for commercial water consumption for 2016/2017;*

- iv) a charge of \$1.45 per kilolitre, 0 to 600 kilolitres and \$1.70 per kilolitre over 600 kilolitres be adopted for residential water consumption for 2016/2017;
- v) a charge of \$0.76 per kilolitre be adopted for water consumption - Abattoirs, plus a 20 per cent early settlement discount for 2016/2017;
- vi) a charge of \$1.02 per kilolitre be adopted for Sporting Association water consumption;
- vii) a charge of \$1.45 per kilolitre be adopted for Guyra Shire Council water consumption;
- viii) a charge of \$0.38 per kilolitre adopted for Raw Water consumption for 2016/2017; and
- ix) the draft Estimates (incorporating Operational Plan) for the Water Fund for 2016/2017 be adopted and placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days as required by Section 405 of the Local Government Act, 1993.

7. INVERELL WOMEN'S REFUGE S3.16.18

*That details of the operating procedures of the Refuge be sought from the operators of the Refuge.*

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

*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 D  
DESTINATION REPORTS**

1. LIONS PARK PLAY EQUIPMENT S27.8.9 & S21.8.24

DCS-A **30/16 RESOLVED** (Watts/Casteldine) *that:*

- i) *the Asset and Risk Management upgrade of the Lions Park Playground be brought forward to the 2015/2016 financial year; and*
- ii) *the upgrade be funded from the Buildings Refurbishment Internally Restricted Asset.*

2. PLANE TREE MANAGEMENT INVERELL TOWN CENTRE S30.11.4

A hard copy of the New Leaf Arboriculture (NLA) report was tabled, together with a six (6) page addendum received on 26 April, 2016.

DCES-A **31/16 RESOLVED** (Michael/Johnston) *that the Concerned Inverell Ratepayers Association be advised that:*

- i) *Council has considered the report by NLA, including the suggested treatments for existing Plane trees in the Inverell CBD;*
- ii) *Council will proceed with the staged replacement of inappropriately planted Plane trees for the following reasons:*

- a. the NLA suggested treatment for the Plane trees will result in the loss of 50 car parking spaces in Otho and Byron Streets, the reduction of footpath area, the loss of crossing points and the impractical nature of retrofitting the suggested treatments,
  - b. the costs that would be incurred in managing the interaction of trees and CBD infrastructure,
  - c. the significant future impacts on the community that would occur if the issues caused by the inappropriately planted Plane trees were not addressed now.
- iii) the possible use of Red Maples as edge planting to create the required urban canopy be referred to the TCRP Sunset Committee for consideration and report back to Council.

#### SECTION E INFORMATION REPORTS

1. LETTERS OF THANKS S6.8.9
2. CONSTRUCTION CERTIFICATES APPROVED FOR MARCH 2016 S7.2.4/09
3. COMPLYING DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATES APPROVED DURING MARCH 2016 S7.2.4/09
4. SUMMARY OF BUILDING CONSTRUCTION FOR MARCH 2016 S7.2.4/09
5. DEVELOPMENT CONSENTS AND REFUSALS DURING MARCH 2016 S18.10.2/09
6. SEPTIC TANK APPROVALS FOR MARCH 2016 S29.19.1
7. ORDINANCE ACTIVITIES REPORT FOR MARCH 2016 S18.10.1
8. WASTE FACILITIES LOAN FUNDING S12.14.11
9. MANAGEMENT TEAM MEETING MINUTES S4.11.5/09

**32/16 RESOLVED** (Johnston/Castledine) that the items contained in the Information Reports to the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Wednesday, 27 April, 2016, be received and noted.

#### SECTION F QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

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| MCE-A | <b>QWN/ORD 10/16</b><br>Cr Watts | <u>Mt Russell Road</u> <u>S28.10.SR123</u><br><br>Cr Watts noted a Delungra resident has raised the issue of overhanging branches on the Delungra/Mt Russell Road. Can staff investigate this matter?  |
|       | <b>QWN/ORD 11/16</b><br>Cr Watts | <u>Plane Tree – Varley Oval</u><br><br>Cr Watts enquired into the actions being taken with respect to the mature Plane Tree at Varley Oval.<br><br>Director Civil & Environmental Services, Mr Brett McInnes advised that the tree is not being removed. This tree, like a number of mature trees around the town had suffered due to the prolonged hot weather. It is being treated to deal with the impact of the weather. |

**QWN/ORD 12/16**  
Cr Girle

Phone Services - Installation of Mobile Phone Tower  
S10.12.2/09

Cr Girle asked that he be permitted to refer a matter to Closed Council.

**33/16 RESOLVED** (Girle/Castledine) *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.*

GM-A

**QWN/ORD 13/16**  
Cr Johnston

South Inverell Footbridge S28.9.14

Cr Johnston noted the bridge and asked if the current flood warning system was sufficient. Can a report be provided to the Committee in this matter?

MCE-A

**QWN/ORD 14/16**  
Cr Baker

Ashford Road Signage S28.9.18

The current sign replacement program was noted. Can staff review the distance indicator sign on the Ashford Road as you leave Inverell.

DCES-A

**QWN/ORD 15/16**  
Cr Baker

Safety Mirror S30.9.6

Cr Baker asked can a safety mirror be considered behind Best & Less?

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

At 5.08pm, 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**

**34/16 RESOLVED** (Girle/Castledine) *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 5.25pm, 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. PHONE SERVICES - INSTALLATION OF MOBILE PHONE TOWER  
S10.12.2/09

*That the information be received and noted.*

**ADOPTION OF RECOMMENDATIONS**

**35/16 RESOLVED** (Watts/Baker) *that the recommendations of Closed Council be adopted.*

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 5.27pm.

CR P J HARMON

CHAIRPERSON