

MINUTES OF THE CIVIL & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, 144 OTHO STREET, INVERELL ON
WEDNESDAY, 14 FEBRUARY 2018, COMMENCING AT 9.00 AM.

PRESENT: Cr D F Baker (Chairperson), Crs P J Harmon, M J Peters, S J Berryman and J N McCosker.

Also in attendance: Crs C M Dight, P A King and A A Michael.

Paul Henry (General Manager), Brett McInnes (Director Civil and Environmental Services), Anthony Alliston (Manager Development Services), Justin Pay (Manager Civil Engineering) and Sharon Stafford (Executive Assistant).

SECTION A

APOLOGIES:

There were no apologies received.

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED (McCosker/Berryman) that the Minutes of the Civil and Environmental Services Committee Meeting held on 8 November, 2017, 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

There were no interests declared.

3. PUBLIC FORUM S13.5.6/10

At this juncture, the time being 9.02 am, the Chair welcomed the members of the public and opened the Public Forum Session by inviting members of the public to speak:

Roz Hulbert Otho Street Renewal

As the owner of an Otho Street business, Ms Hulbert expressed strong opposition to the Otho Street roadworks. Ms Hulbert cited that the roadworks will cause disruption to businesses, result in a loss of shade and impact upon her business walk past trade. Ms Hulbert was concerned that the impact from the renewal works may result in the closure of businesses in the precinct.

Lucinda Fleming Otho Street Renewal

Ms Fleming expressed her objection to the Otho Street roadworks and voiced her lack of confidence in Council's Mayor and General Manager as a result of Council's plans to renew the Town Centre.

Cassie Walls Otho Street Renewal

Ms Walls noted the work currently being undertaken by Council to improve the CBD and agreed that the town needs to move forward. Ms Walls understands the need to remove the London Plane trees however requested that Council

delay commencement of the works to enable further consideration of the plan by the community. Ms Walls suggested shopper promotions during the roadworks period to assist in easing the pressure on Otho Street businesses.

Ian Foster

Otho Street Renewal

Mr Foster stated, that in his opinion, Otho Street is adequate and there is no need for any change. Mr Foster noted that he was not opposed to the removal and replacement of the London Plan trees with a more suitable and allergy free alternative.

At this juncture, the time being 9.20 am, the Public Forum Session closed and the Committee resumed the balance of the Agenda.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Nil.

SECTION B
ADVOCACY REPORTS

Nil.

GM-A 1. NOTICE OF BUSINESS – OTHO STREET

RESOLVED (Peters/McCosker) that the Committee recommend to Council that management explain in writing why the public were informed of the road closure prior to final RMS sign off.

Motion (Peters/McCosker) that the Committee recommend to Council that Inverell Shire undertake a comprehensive Environmental Impact Study immediately.

The Motion on being put to the meeting was Lost.

DCES-A 2. MEETING ATTENDED: GILGAI COMMUNITY MEETING, GILGAI HALL
GM-A

RESOLVED (Harmon/McCosker) that the Committee recommend to Council that:

- a) *provision be made in Council's Long Term Strategic Plan for the construction of a concrete or smooth asphalt cycle/walk track between Gilgai and Inverell,*
- b) *planning for the establishment of the track commence, and*
- c) *Council make application to various grant bodies seeking funding for the project.*

SECTION D
DESTINATION REPORTS

GM-A 1. WIND/SOLAR FARM MATTERS S18.6.52/01

RESOLVED (Berryman/Harmon) that the Committee recommend to Council that:

- a) *The draft Terms of Reference for the Community Support Fund be adopted (noting that the Membership of the Committee will comprise the Mayor and one other Councillor) and Council advertise for*

expressions of interest from community members interested in appointment to the Community Support Fund Committee.

FURTHER RESOLVED (Berryman/McCosker) that the additional revenue from the rating of wind farms be allocated to “Special Projects – Roads”, with selected projects determined by Council in concert with preparation of the Annual Operating Plan.

BS-A 2. FIRE AND RESCUE NSW – FIRE SAFETY REPORTS S7.11.2/11

RESOLVED (Harmon/Berryman) that the Committee recommend to Council that the actions to date in this matter be noted and a further report be prepared for the February 2018 Council Meeting.

DP-A 3. STATE SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENT (SSD 8643) – SAPPHIRE SOLAR FARM – KINGS PLAINS, NSW S18.6.52/05

RESOLVED (Harmon/Berryman) that the Committee recommend to Council that Council make an online submission in respect of State Significant Development (SSD 8643) Sapphire Solar Farm – Kings Plains NSW in relation to:

- Independent road dilapidation reporting prior to construction, for all local and state roads;*
- After construction, a subsequent report to assess the damage that may have resulted from construction;*
- On-going and regular measures to restore and reinstate road damage resulting from construction of the project;*
- Fire risk associated with the development being adequately addressed;*
- Council having the opportunity to review the draft approval conditions prior to being finalised; and*
- Any other matters raised by a Councillor or the public during the exhibition period.*

MCS-A 4. REGIONAL ROADS REHABILITATION PROGRAM – REPAIR PROGRAM FUNDING ALLOCATION 2018/2019 S15.8.22

RESOLVED (Harmon/Berryman) that the Committee recommend to Council that the project for the 2018/2019 REPAIR program be reconstruction of Segment 520/530 of Inverell-Bonshaw Road.

SECTION E INFORMATION REPORTS

1. WORKS UPDATE S28.21.1

RESOLVED (Harmon/Berryman) that the items contained in the Information Reports to the Civil & Environmental Services Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, 14 February 2018, be received and noted.

SECTION F GENERAL BUSINESS

Cr Peters Road Classification Review

Cr Peters sought clarification on behalf of a number of property owners regarding the recent reclassification of a number of roads in the Shire.

The DCES advised that property owners are encouraged to bring any concerns they may have in respect of the reclassifications back to Council for review.

Cr Berryman Sapphire Wind Farm

Cr Berryman informed the Committee that CWP Renewables may seek assistance from Council in respect of dealing with CASA regarding lighting on wind turbines.

Cr McCosker Old Stannifer Road

Cr McCosker noted that he has received positive feedback in respect of the recent upgrade of Old Stannifer Road.

Cr McCosker noted the property accesses on the road and sought advice on possible future widening.

Manager
Development
Services Developer Charges - Subdivision

Mr Alliston advised the Committee that as a direct result of recent changes implemented by Council to reduce developer charges and encourage development within the Shire, two (2) development applications have been submitted to Council for consideration.

Manager
Development
Services White Rock Wind Farm

Mr Alliston confirmed that the proponents of White Rock have lodged a modification for the next stage of the Wind Farm which proposes turbines 200m in height.

The modification is currently on exhibition.

GM-A Cr Peters Renewable Energy S14.5.1

RESOLVED (Peters/McCosker) that the Committee recommend to Council that as Inverell Shire Council is a strong supporter of renewable energy and noting that renewable energy has brought a great deal of wealth to this community, that Council urge the Federal Government to change their policy position in respect of renewable energy.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 10.35 am.

CR D F BAKER

CHAIRPERSON