

MINUTES OF THE ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, INVERELL SHIRE COUNCIL, 144
OTHO STREET, INVERELL ON WEDNESDAY, 14 FEBRUARY 2018,
COMMENCING AT 11.00AM.

PRESENT: Cr P J Harmon (Chairperson), Crs P A King, A A Michael and C M Dight.

Also in attendance: Crs D F Baker, S J Berryman, J N McCosker and M J Peters.

Paul Henry (General Manager), Brett McInnes (Director Civil and Environmental Services) and Sharon Stafford (Executive Assistant).

SECTION A

APOLOGIES:

An apology was received from Cr Watts.

RESOLVED (Dight/Michael) that the apology from Cr Watts for personal reasons be noted.

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED (Michael/Dight) that the Minutes of the Economic and Community Sustainability 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

The following interests were declared:

- Cr King declared a non-pecuniary interest in Section D, Destination Reports, Item 12, "Ashford Multi-Service Centre". The nature of the interest relates to Cr King's wife being an employee of Home and Community Care.

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Nil.

SECTION B
ADVOCACY REPORTS

Cr Michael Inverell Sports Council

Cr Michael noted that the Sports Council has shifted its focus to assisting organisations in securing new equipment that will enable events to be conducted at Council sporting facilities during school holiday periods.

Cr Dight Border Regional Organisation of Councils (BROC)

Cr Dight advised that along with Cr Berryman, they attended a BROC Meeting at Balonne Shire on 9 February, 2018. A report on the meeting will be provided to Council.

Cr Harmon Australia Day

Cr Harmon noted the success of events conducted throughout the Shire for Australia Day and acknowledged the worthy recipients presented with Awards on the day.

Ambassador Paul Featherstone proved an inspirational guest for the day. The merits of the Ambassador program were noted.

Cr Harmon Sapphire City Festival

Cr Harmon advised the Festival Committee recently met and acknowledged the success of last year's event. The Festival Executive have been re-elected and have many new ideas for the 2018 event which will be held 19-28 October, 2018.

Cr Dight Murals

Cr Dight advised funding from a Youth Activities grant is being utilised to paint murals at both Ashford and Yetman. Following community consultation, works commenced this week.

Cr King Australia Day

Cr King noted the success of the Australia Day event he attended in Victoria Park.

SECTION D
DESTINATION REPORTS

1. REQUEST FOR REDUCTION ON WATER ACCOUNT (LISTING)
 S32.10.1/11

RESOLVED (Michael/Dight) that the matter be referred to Closed Committee for consideration as:

- i) the matters and information are 'the personal hardship of any resident or ratepayer.' (Section 10A(2)(b) 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.*

MLS-A 2. PUBLIC LIBRARIES NSW CONFERENCE 2017 S3.6.4

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

- i) the information be received and noted, and*
- ii) Inverell Shire Council continues to support NSWPLA in their efforts to increase State Government funding.*

CSOP-A 3. REQUEST TO LICENCE LAND – HARRISON S5.10.65

RESOLVED (Dight/King) that the Committee recommend to Council that:

- i) Council enter into a Licence Agreement with Patricia Harrison for Lots 290, 291 and 292 DP 753287, adjacent to Ross and Clive Streets, Inverell for a two (2) year period with a further two (2) year option;*

- ii) *the Licence fee be \$535.00 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.*

CSOP-A 4. EXPIRING LICENCE AGREEMENT – REEVES S5.10.154

RESOLVED (King/Michael) that the Committee recommends to Council that:

- i) *Council renew the agreement with Mr Graham and Felicity Reeves for Lot 8, DP 188692 and Lot 7, DP 1101540 Rifle Range Road, Inverell;*
- ii) *The licence agreement be for a five (5) year period with a five (5) year option;*
- iii) *The Licence fee be \$515.00 per annum (GST Inclusive) with a 3% increase per annum; and*
- iv) *The Licence Agreement be subject to any other terms and conditions as negotiated by Council's General Manager.*

CSOP-A 5. DONATION REQUEST – THE INVERELL SINGERS (INC) S12.22.1/11

MOTION (Michael/Dight) that the Committee recommend to Council that a \$200 donation be provided to the Inverell Singers Inc.

AMENDMENT (King/Dight) that the Committee recommend to Council that:

- i) *A \$200 donation be provided to the Inverell Singers Inc;*
- ii) *If there is sufficient funds still unallocated in the Youth Activities Grant Fund, a further donation of \$300 be provided to the Inverell Singers Inc; and*
- iii) *Council assist the Inverell Singers Inc. explore opportunities to obtain grant funding to assist with their activities.*

The Amendment on being put to the meeting was CARRIED. It then became the Motion.

The Motion on being put to the meeting was CARRIED.

6. APPLICATION FOR NON-RATABILITY – CEMETERY SITE (LISTING)
S12.8.9/04

RESOLVED (Dight/King) that the matter be referred to Closed Council for consideration as:

- i) *the report includes 'the personal hardship of any resident or ratepayer', (Section 10A(2)(b) of the Local Government Act, 1993),*
- ii) *all reports are correspondence relevant to the subject business be withheld from access to the media and public as requires by section 11(2) of the Local Government Act, 1993.*

EMCCS-A 7. CRIME PREVENTION PLAN - DRAFT S3.10.4

RESOLVED (Michael/King) that the Committee recommend to Council that the draft Crime Prevention Plan be placed on public exhibition as part of the community engagement process.

- GM-A 8. NATIONAL TRANSPORT MUSEUM - ADDITIONAL FACILITIES S8.5.9

RESOLVED (Michael/King) that the Committee recommend to Council that additional information be obtained from the National Transport Museum to enable Council to make a determination in respect of the request.

- MFS-A 9. INVERELL AERODROME - INSTALLATION OF AN AUTOMATED WEATHER OBSERVING SYSTEM S30.7.1

RESOLVED (Michael/Dight) that the Committee recommend to Council that:

- i) Council seek State and Federal assistance to fund the Automated Weather Observing System (AWOS); and*
- ii) Further discussion be held with Fly Corporate in respect of the annual maintenance charge.*

- CSOP-A 10. SPONSORSHIP REQUEST – BORDER BRANCH STOCK HORSE CHALLENGE S12.22.1/11

RESOLVED (Michael/King) that the Committee recommend to Council that the opportunity to sponsor the event be referred to the Delungra District Development Council for consideration, noting the benefits the exposure will provide the Development Council.

- GM-A 11. BUSINESS RATES - SUB CATEGORIES S25.7.1

RESOLVED (Michael/Dight) that the Committee recommend to Council that Council not establish additional rating sub categories for the wind and solar farm developments.

- EMCCS-A 12. ASHFORD MULTI-SERVICE CENTRE S24.20.1

Note: At the commencement of the meeting Cr King declared a non-pecuniary interest in this item. The nature of the interest relates to Cr King's wife being an employee of Home and Community Care. Mrs King operates out of the Inverell Office.

RESOLVED (King/Michael) that the Committee recommend to Council that the matter be referred back to staff for further consideration of the fire risk in the building raised by Inverell HACC.

At this juncture, the time being 11.55am, Cr King left the meeting to attend to personal business. He did not return.

SECTION E INFORMATION REPORTS

- 1. YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES PROGRAM 2018 S15.8.41/21
- 2. COD CASH PROMOTION UPDATE S8.12.13

RESOLVED (Michael/Dight) that the items contained in the Information Reports to the Economic & Community Sustainability Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, 14 February 2018, be received and noted.

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

At 11.56am, 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/Dight) 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 12.08pm, the Chair verbally reported that the Committee, with the Press and Public excluded, having considered the matters referred to it, recommends as follows:

RC-A 1. APPLICATION FOR NON-RATABILITY – CEMETERY SITE S12.8.9/04

That the Committee recommend to Council that:

- i) All rates and interest levied, which total \$2,537.29 on Lot 1 DP 1145219 be written off, and*
- ii) That the property known as Lot 1 DP 1145219 appear in Council's non-rateable register.*

DC-A 2. REQUEST FOR REDUCTION ON WATER ACCOUNT S32.10.1/10

That the Committee recommend to Council that:

- i) the report be received and noted, and*
- ii) Council, issue an amended account of \$114.70 for the last billed quarter and \$114.70 for the unbilled quarter, based on the average consumption of accounts prior to the leak and write off \$2,060.16.*

ADOPTION OF RECOMMENDATIONS

RESOLVED (Michael/Dight) that the recommendations from Closed Committee be adopted.

SECTION H GOVERNANCE REPORTS

MFS-A 1. QUARTERLY BUDGET AND OPERATIONAL PLAN REVIEW 2017/2018
S12.5.1

RESOLVED (Michael/Dight) that the Committee recommend to Council that:

- i) Council's Quarterly Operational Plan and Budget Review for 31 December, 2017 be adopted; and*
- ii) the proposed variations to budget votes for the 2017/2018 Financial Year be adopted providing an estimated Cash Surplus at 30 June, 2018 from operations of \$3,267.*

MFS-A 2. GOVERNANCE - MONTHLY INVESTMENT REPORT S12.12.2/09

RESOLVED (Dight/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.*

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 12.20pm.

CR P J HARMON

CHAIRPERSON