

MINUTES OF THE CIVIL & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, 144 OTHO STREET, INVERELL ON
WEDNESDAY, 11 APRIL 2018, COMMENCING AT 9.00 AM.

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

Also in attendance: Crs J A Watts, C M Dight and P A King

Paul Henry (General Manager), Brett McInnes (Director Civil and Environmental Services), Justin Pay (Manager Civil Engineering), Greg Doman (Manager Waste and Projects) and David Strugnell (Asset Management Coordinator) and Sharon Stafford (Executive Assistant).

SECTION A

APOLOGIES:

The General Manager advised that a leave of absence for business reasons was previously granted for Cr Harmon by Council at the March 2018 Council Meeting.

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED (Berryman/Michael) that the Minutes of the Civil and Environmental Services Committee Meeting held on 14 March, 2018, 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

Nil.

Suspension of Standing Orders

At this juncture, the time being 9.05am, Standing Orders were suspended to enable the following addresses.

Charlie Osborne,
President of Inverell
Tennis Club

Proposal for Grant Funding – Inverell Tennis Club

Charlie Osborne and Matt Butler addressed the Committee on the Inverell Club's proposal to upgrade the Clubhouse facilities at the Tennis Centre. The Committee were informed the Club is in a very strong position, has a dedicated Committee, a large volunteer base and is working hard to invigorate tennis in Inverell and get more younger people involved. The Inverell Tennis Club is situated on land that is vested in Council. The Club requested Council's endorsement of the proposal to upgrade the clubhouse and requested support when seeking grant funding.

Luc Farago, Principal
Policy Officer, Northern
Tablelands Local Lands
Services (LLS)

New Land Management and Biodiversity Conservation
Legislation

Mr Farago addressed the Committee on the NSW Land Management & Biodiversity Conservation reforms which

have been developed to ensure a balanced approach to land management & biodiversity conservation in NSW.

Mr Farago advised that the LLS has been tasked with helping landowners to tailor the right solutions to grow a sustainable business.

Further information including mapping is available on the LLS website, or advice can be obtained by contacting the LLS.

Resumption of Standing Orders

At this juncture, the time being 9.55am Standing Orders resumed and the Committee considered the balance of the agenda.

MIPR-A Proposal for Grant Funding – Inverell Tennis Club

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

- i) Council note the proposal to upgrade the clubhouse facility of the Inverell Tennis Centre; and*
- ii) Council submit an application to the Stronger Country Community Fund seeking grant funding to assist with meeting the cost of the project.*

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Nil.

SECTION B ADVOCACY REPORTS

MDS-A 1. NOTICE OF BUSINESS – STRUCTURE PLANS FOR NEW RESIDENTIAL AREAS S13.5.3 & S18.6.65

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

In relation to structural plans for the new residential subdivision (Civil & Environmental meeting 14-3-2018), that Management advise Councillors of:

- i) The names of owners of the 3 identified “new residential areas”*
- ii) Do these owners have any conflict of interest with any councillor or staff*
- iii) The names of any other potential residential areas*
- iv) What is the commercial value of the work to the developer*
- v) The paper advised ISC has been approached by “a number of requests for subdivision” by what process were these 3 selected*
- vi) How does this meet OLG requirement for competitive neutrality?*

2. NOTICE OF BUSINESS – ROAD TRAIN ACCESS, BRUXNER WAY S13.5.3 & S28.15.3/08

MOTION (Peters/McCosker) that:

As ISC has now established the precedent of approving variation to heavy vehicle access with the approval of road train access to Councillor Dights family prior to identified work being carried out, can council now approve the application for heavy vehicle access to the three previous applications of upgrade to B double trucks.

The MOTION on being put to the meeting was LOST.

SECTION D
DESTINATION REPORTS

1. LOCAL LAND SERVICES PRESENTATION OF NEW LAND MANAGEMENT AND BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION LEGISLATION S11.12.7

RESOLVED (Berryman/Michael) that the Committee recommend to Council that the presentation by Luc Farago, Principal Policy Officer of the Northern Tablelands Local Lands Services in relation to new land management and Biodiversity Conservation Legislation be received and noted.

MCE-A 2. INVERELL HIGH SCHOOL TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT S30.11.3

RESOLVED (Berryman/Michael) that the Committee recommend to Council that Council implement the following short term measures:

- i) The No Stopping signs adjacent to each intersection around the school be erected at a distance of no less than 15m from the intersection kerb line at intersections about the school perimeter.*
- ii) Some of the long term angle parking in Brae Street in front of the school be converted to short term parallel parking for student drop-off and pick-up. This should at least be implemented in the section of Brae Street across the school frontage to the north-east of the pedestrian crossing.*

At this juncture, the time being 10.15am Cr Watts left the meeting and returned 10.20am.

AMC-A 3. RURAL ROAD CLASSIFICATIONS S16.7.19/05

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

- i) Management Policy – Road Hierarchy be amended to include the updated classifications for Goomerah Lane to “Rural Access” for its entire length and Cooks Road to “No Scheduled Maintenance” for its entire length.*
- ii) Spring Mountain Road, Loves Lane, Wells Crossing Road, Elsmore Road and Mephams Road retain their current classifications.*
- iii) All respondents be notified of the outcome of the review.*
- iv) Voss Road - Council maintains its position in respect to the maintenance classification of Voss Road and advises the owner of “The Angle” of its decision.*

SECTION E
INFORMATION REPORTS

1. WORKS UPDATE S28.21.1/11

RESOLVED (Michael/Berryman) that the items contained in the Information Reports to the Civil & Environmental Services Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, 11 April, 2018, be received and noted.

SECTION F
GENERAL BUSINESS

Cr Michael Macintyre Riverbank

Cr Michael questioned whether a controlled burn could be undertaken to remove woody weeds along the Macintyre River in the vicinity of the O'Connor Street Bridge.

The Director Civil and Environmental Services advised that woody weeds in the Riparian zone are controlled by alternative weed control methods.

MCE-A Cr Michael Extension of Footpath

Cr Michael requested that the footpath network be extended to link the Legacy Units in Evans Street with the existing network.

The Manager Civil Engineering confirmed that these works will be included on the Urban Works priority list.

DCES-A Cr Michael Hong Yuen Plaza Development

Cr Michael requested that a report be presented to the Committee regarding the status of the thoroughfare between the Plaza and the car park.

AMC-A Cr Peters Rural Road Classification

Cr Peters requested that a report be presented to the next meeting of the Committee detailing the following:

- i) Heavy vehicle traffic counts on regional roads; and
- ii) An indication of freight movements within the shire.

The Asset Manager Coordinator confirmed that a brief report would be prepared for the Committee. He also noted that provision has been made in the 2018/19 Operational Plan for the preparation of a Local Freight Strategy.

Cr McCosker Dog Trap Lane

Cr McCosker noted that he had been informed that the gravel section of Dog Trap Lane is very dusty and rough and queried whether there was any plan to seal this section of the road.

The Director Civil and Environmental Services advised that sealing of this section of road is unlikely due to very low traffic counts. The Director further noted Council's focus is on maintaining Council's existing sealed road network.

MCE-A Cr Dight North Star Road

Cr Dight advised that the section of the North Star Road to the Bruxner Way is in urgent need of grading due to a number of wash outs.

The Manager Civil Engineering to investigate.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 10.45 am.

CR D F BAKER

CHAIRPERSON