

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF INVERELL SHIRE COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, ADMINISTRATIVE CENTRE, 144 OTHO STREET, INVERELL ON WEDNESDAY, 28 MARCH, 2018, COMMENCING AT 3 PM.

**PRESENT:** Cr P J Harmon (Mayor) [Chairperson], Crs D F Baker, A A Michael, C M Dight, J N McCosker, S J Berryman and J A Watts.

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

**SECTION A**

**APOLOGIES** **S13.6.9/10**

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

***17/18 RESOLVED** (Watts/Dight) that the apology from Cr King due to his absence for personal reasons be accepted, and that leave of absence be granted and the apology from Cr Peters be accepted and that leave of absence be granted.*

Cr Dight advised that she would be departing the meeting at 3.40pm today and sought leave of absence for personal reasons.

***18/18 RESOLVED** (Berryman/Baker) that the advice from Cr Dight be noted and that leave of absence be granted for personal reasons.*

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES** **S13.5.2/10**

***19/18 RESOLVED** (Michael/Baker) that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 28 February 2018, 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**

At this juncture, the time being 3.06pm, the following interests were declared:

- Cr Harmon declared a non-pecuniary interest in Section E, Information Reports, Item #1 'Construction Certificates Approved for February 2018' and Item #4 'Development Consent and Refusals during February 2018'. The nature of the interest relating to Cr Harmon being the owner and applicant of a development which was listed in the reports.

**PUBLIC FORUM** **S13.5.6/10**

The Mayor noted that no members of the public had registered to speak.

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

Cr Baker

AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT WOMENS ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE (ALGWA)

Cr Baker advised that she attended the Conference held in Gundagai on 15-17 March, 2018. Cr Baker informed Council that she was nominated and elected onto the board of the Association. A topic that created much discussion at the

Conference was Private Certifiers and the issues that some are creating for Councils. Cr Baker will present Council with a full report on issues considered at the Conference.

**SECTION B  
ADVOCACY REPORTS**

1. **NOTICE OF BUSINESS – YETMAN REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE S13.5.3 & S2.14.5**

MOTION (McCosker/ Watts) that:

Inverell Shire Council provide detailed information in regards to Revenue and Expenditure pertaining to Yetman.

This information is to include a detailed breakdown of source of revenue.

This information is to include the financial periods: 2015/2016, 2016/2017 and 2018 to present date'.

The MOTION on being put to the meeting was LOST.

**SECTION C  
COMMITTEE REPORTS**

CSOP-A 1. **CIVIL & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES – 14 MARCH 2018 S4.11.16/10**

**20/18 RESOLVED** (Berryman/Baker) that:

- i) *That the Minutes of the Civil and Environmental Services Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, 14 March 2018, be received and noted; and*
- ii) *The following recommendations of the Civil and Environmental Services Committee be adopted by Council:*

1. **ALLOCATION OF SUPPLEMENTARY BLOCK GRANT FUNDS 2017/2018 S15.8.21**

*The 2017/2018 Supplementary Block Grant funding be allocated to road and drainage reconstruction on MR187 Yetman Road.*

2. **INVERELL SPORTING COMPLEX UPGRADES – UPDATE S5.9.23**

*That the information be noted and the actions of the staff in continuing to seek funding to complete outstanding projects in the master plan be endorsed.*

3. **EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST - STRUCTURE PLANS FOR NEW RESIDENTIAL AREAS S18.31 & S18.6.65**

*That the proposal from King and Campbell Pty Ltd to undertake the preparation of Structure Plans for three (3) New Residential Areas in the amount of \$88,400 (GST exclusive) be accepted.*

CSOP-A 2. **ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES 14 MARCH 2018 S4.11.17/10**

**21/18 RESOLVED** (Watts/Dight) that:

- i) *That the Minutes of the Economic & Community Sustainability Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, 14 March 2018, be received and noted; and*
- ii) *The following recommendations of the Economic & Community Sustainability Committee be adopted by Council noting that Cr Michael requested that his vote against Item #2 'Arts North West Membership' be recorded.*
- 1. REQUEST FOR REDUCTION IN RATES – INVERELL TOWN AND COUNTRY CLUB S12.22.18/04  
*That Council make a donation to the Inverell Town and Country Club equivalent to the General rates and 50% of the Water and Sewerage rates.*
- 2. ARTS NORTH WEST MEMBERSHIP S26.5.4
  - i) *Inverell Shire Council rejoin Arts North West for the 2018/2019 financial year; and*
  - ii) *An information report be brought back to the Committee detailing how the membership fee is to be funded.*
- 3. GOVERNANCE - MONTHLY INVESTMENT REPORT S12.12.2/11
  - 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. PROPOSED CHILD CARE FACILITY (LISTING) S3.16.3

**22/18 RESOLVED** (Baker/Berryman) *that the matter be referred to Closed Council for consideration as:*

- i) *the report includes '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); and*
- ii) *on balance the public interest in preserving the confidentiality of this matter outweighs the public interest in openness and transparency in Council decision-making by discussing the matter in open meeting.*

- GM-A      2. LOCAL GOVERNMENT EMISSIONS BASELINE PILOT PROJECT S14.18.6/11

**23/18 RESOLVED** (Baker/Watts) *that Council express an interest in participating in the Local Government Emissions Baseline Pilot Project.*

#### **SECTION E INFORMATION REPORTS**

- 2. COMPLYING DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATES APPROVED DURING FEBRUARY 2018 S7.2.4/11
- 3. SUMMARY OF BUILDING CONSTRUCTION FOR FEBRUARY 2018 S7.2.4/11
- 5. VARIATION TO DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS APPROVED DURING FEBRUARY 2018 S18.10.2/11

6. SEPTIC TANK APPROVALS FOR FEBRUARY 2018 S29.19.1
7. ORDINANCE ACTIVITIES REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2018 S18.10.1
8. STRATEGIC TASKS – ‘SIGN OFF’ – MARCH 2018 S4.13.2
9. QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE – MARCH 2018 S13.5.5/11
10. PETITION - CAMPBELL STREET PEDESTRIAN CROSSING S30.9.4
11. QANTAS PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH A PILOT TRAINING ACADEMY IN AUSTRALIA S30.16.4

**24/18 RESOLVED** (Watts/Baker) that the items contained in the Information Reports to the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Wednesday, 28 March, 2018, be received and noted.

At this juncture, the time being 3.28pm, Cr Harmon, having previously declared a non-pecuniary interest in respect of Items #1 and #4, left the room. Cr Michael assumed the chair.

1. CONSTRUCTION CERTIFICATES APPROVED FOR FEBRUARY 2018 S7.2.4/11
2. DEVELOPMENT CONSENTS AND REFUSALS DURING FEBRUARY 2018 S18.10.2/11

**25/18 RESOLVED** (Berryman/Baker) that the items contained in the Information Reports to the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Wednesday, 28 March, 2018, be received and noted.

At this juncture the time being 3.30pm, Cr Harmon returned to the Chamber and assumed the chair.

#### **SECTION F QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE**

**QWN/ORD 9/18** Leave of Absence  
Cr Harmon sought leave of absence for business reasons for the April 2018 Committee Meetings.

**26/18 RESOLVED** (Watts/Dight) that Cr Harmon be granted leave of absence for business reasons for the April 2018 Committee Meetings.

**QWN/ORD 10/18** Australian Local Government Womens Association (ALGWA)  
Cr Berryman extended congratulations to Cr Baker for being elected onto the ALGWA Board and wished her every success during her term.

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

At 3.32pm, 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**

**27/18 RESOLVED** (Watts/Michael) *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 3.43pm, 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:

GM-A      1.      PROPOSED CHILD CARE FACILITY S3.16.3

*That the proponent be invited to brief Councillors on their proposal at the April 2018 Committee Meetings.*

#### **ADOPTION OF RECOMMENDATIONS**

At this juncture, the time being 3.44pm, Cr Dight departed the meeting.

**28/18 RESOLVED** (Michael/Baker) *that the recommendations of Closed Council be adopted.*

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 3.45pm.

CR P J HARMON

CHAIRPERSON