

MINUTES OF THE ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, INVERELL SHIRE COUNCIL, 144 OTHO STREET, INVERELL ON WEDNESDAY, 13 JUNE, 2018, COMMENCING AT 10.10 AM.

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

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

Paul Henry (General Manager), Scott Norman (Director Corporate and Economic Services), Brett McInnes (Director Civil and Environmental Services) and Paul Pay (Manger Financial Services).

SECTION A

APOLOGIES:

There were no apologies received.

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED (Michael/Dight) that the Minutes of the Economic and Community Sustainability Committee Meeting held on 9 May, 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. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Nil

SECTION B
ADVOCACY REPORTS

Cr King Myall Creek Remembrance Service

Cr King reported that he and Cr Harmon attended the Myall Creek Remembrance Service on Sunday 10 June 2018. It was well attended and was a moving occasion that recognised a unique event in Australian history.

Cr Michael Rotary Changeover Dinner

Cr Michael reported that he attended the Rotary Changeover Dinner.

Cr Dight Art Committee

Cr Dight reported that she attended the monthly meeting of the Inverell Art Society. Cr Dight mentioned the planned activities of the Society.

Cr Dight The Cross Border Commissioner's \$20M Infrastructure Grant Program

Cr Dight reported the Cross Border Commissioner's \$20M Infrastructure Grant Program is open and an expression of interest has been submitted in relation to Cunningham Weir.

SECTION D
DESTINATION REPORTS

1. REQUEST FOR REDUCTION IN HIRE FEE – INVERELL EAST ROTARY CLUB S5.24.4/12

MOTION (Michael/Dight) that the Committee recommend to Council that Council make a donation to the Inverell East Rotary Club of \$100 towards the Town Hall hire charges for the An Afternoon at the Outback Prom event held 14 April 2018.

AMENDMENT (King/Dight) that the Committee recommend to Council that Council make a donation to the Inverell East Rotary Club of \$200 towards the Town Hall hire charges for the An Afternoon at the Outback Prom event held 14 April 2018.

The Amendment on being put to the meeting was LOST. The motion on being put to the meeting was CARRIED.

2. DONATION REQUEST – “DON'T BE A STATISTIC” DRIVER SAFETY AWARENESS DAY S12.22.1/11

MOTION (Michael/ -) that the Committee recommend to Council that Council does not support the “Don't be a Statistic Driver Awareness Day”

The Motion lapsed for want of a seconder.

RESOLVED (Michael/Dight) that a more detailed report be presented to the Council Meeting of 27 June, 2018.

3. REQUEST FOR REDUCTION ON WATER ACCOUNT 1 VIVIAN STREET S32.10.1/10

4. REQUEST FOR REDUCTION ON WATER ACCOUNT 135 BRAE STREET S32.10.1/10

5. REQUEST FOR REDUCTION ON WATER ACCOUNT 91 SHORT STREET S32. 10.1/10

6. REQUEST FOR REDUCTION ON WATER ACCOUNT 286 SWANBROOK ROAD S32.10.1/10

7. SAPPHIRE WIND FARM COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND COMMITTEE MEMBERS S2.17.10

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

- i) the reports include 'personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than Councillors)' (Section 10A(2)(a) 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.*

8. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NEW ENGLAND JOINT ORGANISATION (NEJO) S14.11.2

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

- i) Council authorise Mr Paul Henry, to be the interim Executive Officer for the*

NEJO subject to the following conditions

- a) *The appointment be for a period of six (6) months ending on 31 December, 2018,*
 - b) *The Board of NEJO determines the scope of the role of the Executive Officer and the nature of the position by 31/12/2018 e.g. permanent part time etc.*
 - c) *That the NEJO pay Inverell Shire Council a monthly retainer for the services provided in establishing and administering the NEJO.*
- ii) *Council accepts the \$300K establishment grant from the Office of Local Government and administers this fund on behalf of the NEJO.*

9. WRITE OFF SUNDRY DEBTORS S12.8.20

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

- i) *the report includes 'personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than Councillors)' (Section 10A(2)(a) 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.*

SECTION E
INFORMATION REPORTS

- 1. MANAGING CROWN LANDS S14.9.12
- 2. CAREERS AND LIFE CHOICES EXPO 2018 S15.8.77/01
- 3. SOLAR POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENTS S10.19.1
- 4. BONSHAW COMMUNITY MEETING JUNE 2018 S28.10.5

RESOLVED (Michael/ Dight) that the items contained in the Information Reports to the Economic & Community Sustainability Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, 13 June, 2018, be received and noted.

SECTION F
QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

Cr Watts Leave of Absence

RESOLVED *(Watts/Michael) that leave of absence be granted to Cr Watts for the 11 July 2018 Committee Meeting and 25 July 2018 Council Meeting due to her absence for personal reasons.*

Cr Dight Donations

Requested that a report be provided to the 27 June Council Meeting detailing donations made by Council during the 2017-18 year.

Cr Dight Town Hall

Requested that a report be provided to the 11 July 2018 Committee Meeting which reviews the fees and costs associated with the Town Hall.

Cr Dight Events Calendar

Requested on behalf of Cr McCosker that an Events Calendar be prepared for Councillors.

Wells Crossing and Bonshaw Weir

Requested that enquiries be made to the State Government regarding the future actions to be taken with respect of the “Wells Crossing” Reserve and the “Bonshaw Weir” Reserve – both of which are not affected by changes to the Crowns Land Act.

SECTION G
GOVERNANCE REPORTS

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

RESOLVED (Dight/Watts) 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.*

2. QUARTERLY BUDGET AND OPERATIONAL PLAN REVIEW 2017/2018

RESOLVED (Watts/Dight) that the Committee recommend to Council that 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

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

At 12.20pm, 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 (Watts/Dight) that the Committee proceed into Closed Committee to discuss the matters referred to it, for the reasons stated in the motions of referral.

RESOLVED (Michael/Watts) that the Committee proceed out of Closed Committee into Open Committee.

Upon resuming open meeting, at 12.35 pm, the Chair verbally reported that the Committee, with the Press and Public excluded, having considered the matters referred to it, recommends as follows:

1. REQUEST FOR REDUCTION ON WATER ACCOUNT 1 VIVIAN STREET S32.10.1/10

That the Committee recommend to Council that Council does not accede to the request for assistance.

1. REQUEST FOR REDUCTION ON WATER ACCOUNT 135 BRAE STREET S32.10.1/10

That the Committee recommend to Council that Council issue amended account of \$68.08 for the last quarter based on the average consumption of accounts prior to the leak and write off \$623.08

2. REQUEST FOR REDUCTION ON WATER ACCOUNT 91 SHORT STREET S32.10.1/10

That the Committee recommend to Council that Council issue amended account of \$170.94 for the last quarter based on the average consumption of accounts prior to the leak and write off \$489.47

3. REQUEST FOR REDUCTION ON WATER ACCOUNT 286 SWANBROOK ROAD S32.10.1/10

That the Committee recommend to Council that Council issue amended account of \$105.82 for the last quarter based on the average consumption of accounts prior to the leak and write off \$280.43

4. SAPPHIRE WIND FARM COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND COMMITTEE MEMBERS S2.17.10

That the Committee recommends to Council that Ben Swan and Jacko Ross be recommended as community members of the Sapphire Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund Committee and Cr Dight represent Council on the Committee along with the Mayor.

5. WRITE OFF SUNDRY DEBTORS S12.8.20

That the Committee recommend to Council that:

- i) Item 1. The debt of \$ 1423.71 be written off*
- ii) Item 2. The debt of \$ 803.00 be written off*
- iii) Item 3. The debt of \$ 1048.04 be written off.*

ADOPTION OF RECOMMENDATIONS

RESOLVED (Watts/Dight) that the recommendations of Closed Committee be adopted.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 12.36 pm.

CR P J HARMON

CHAIRPERSON