

MINUTES OF THE ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, INVERELL SHIRE COUNCIL, 144 OTHO STREET, INVERELL ON WEDNESDAY, 11 JULY, 2018, COMMENCING AT 10.30AM.

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

Also in attendance: Crs D F Baker and S J Berryman.

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

SECTION A

APOLOGIES:

Apologies were received from Crs P J Harmon and J A Watts for personal reasons.

RESOLVED (Dight/King) that the apologies from Crs P J Harmon and J A Watts be noted.

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED (Dight/King) that the Minutes of the Economic and Community Sustainability Committee Meeting held on 13 June, 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

Nil

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Nil

SECTION B
ADVOCACY REPORTS

Cr Michael Cr Michael attended the Junior Art Competition at the Library and the Danthonia Graduation Ceremony.

Cr King Cr King attended the Tingha NAIDOC celebrations. Nathan Hindmarsh a former NRL player was guest of honour and ran a Rugby League clinic with the local children.

Cr Dight Cr Dight wished to commend all the local Schools for the NAIDOC activities they ran to celebrate NAIDOC week.

Cr Dight attended a meeting between the Cultural Group and Arts North West and informed the Committee that Arts North West will be giving a presentation to the wider community on 20 August, 2018 at which they wish to promote what their organisation can offer and engage with other local cultural organisations.

SECTION D
DESTINATION REPORTS

CSOP-A 1. EXPIRING LICENCE AGREEMENT – THARAWONGA MOBILE RESOURCE

UNIT S5.10.132

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

- i) Council renew the agreement with Tharawonga Mobile Resource Unit for Yetman Recreation Hall;*
- ii) The licence agreement be for a three (3) year period with a three (3) year option;*
- iii) The Licence fee be \$240.40 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.*

GM-A 2. TENDER – PROVISION OF CLEANING SERVICES (LISTING) S5.8.2/04

RESOLVED (Dight/King) that the matter be referred to Closed Committee 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.*

3. MOBILE PHONE COVERAGE S10.12.2/11

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

- i) Council adopt as a focus for the 2019 Federal and State elections, the issue of quality of telecommunications in the Shire;*
- ii) Council adopt the lobbying position that seeks funding for:*
 - a) the construction towers in nominated areas to "fill black spots";*
 - b) the co-location of infrastructure for various service providers on existing towers; and*
 - c) to upgrade existing towers to cater for the latest telecommunication technology.*
- iii) A priority list of telecommunications projects be:*
 - 1. New tower on Fig Tree Hill Site;*
 - 2. Co-location of infrastructure on White Rock Mountain Tower;*
 - 3. Co-location of infrastructure on Gilgai Tower;*
 - 4. New Tower on Gragin Mountain Site;*
 - 5. New Tower at Graman;*
 - 6. New Tower at Bukkulla;*
 - 7. New Tower at Bonshaw (Hetherington's Site); and*
 - 8. New Tower at the "Pines Site"*
- iv) Mr David Jones be thanked for his ongoing interest in this issue and his willingness to provide information to assist Council.*

SECTION E
INFORMATION REPORTS

1. TOWN HALL FEES AND COSTS S5.24.6
2. INVERELL DISTRICT FAMILY HISTORY GROUP PROGRESS REPORT S3.6.1/12
3. THE INVERELL SINGERS S6.8.9

RESOLVED (King/Dight) that the items contained in the Information Reports to the Economic & Community Sustainability Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, 11 July, 2018, be received and noted.

SECTION F QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

Cr Dight Cr Dight asked if water from the public stand pipes could be made free of charge whilst the dry period persisted.

Mr Brett McInnes (Director Civil and Environmental Services) replied that prepaid metering system could be bypassed but it would be very difficult to police people taking unreasonable advantage of the situation. As an alternative it was suggested that a refund system could be established to help alleviate hardship.

Cr Baker Cr Baker asked about future renewal works and augmentation to the Delungra reticulated water supply, in particular in relation to frequent pipe breakages and low water pressure.

Mr Brett McInnes (Director Civil and Environmental Services) replied there was an adopted program of future works as well numerous reports and studies relating to the supply. Mr McInnes undertook to supply this information to Cr Baker.

SECTION G GOVERNANCE REPORTS

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

RESOLVED (Dight/King) 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.*

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

At 11.03am, 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 (Dight/King) that the Committee proceed into Closed Committee to discuss the matters referred to it, for the reasons stated in the motions of referral.

RESOLVED (King/Dight) that the Committee proceed out of Closed Committee into Open Committee.

Upon resuming Open Committee at 11.14 am, the Chair verbally reported that the Committee, with the Press and Public excluded, having considered the matters referred to it, recommends as follows:

GM-A 1. TENDER – PROVISION OF CLEANING SERVICES S5.8.2/04

That the Committee recommends to Council that:

- i) Council accept the tender from Onescope for Cleaning Contracts 1A, 1B and 1C for a period of two (2) years, with an option of a further two (2) year period for the tender price of \$180,475.30 (excluding GST) per annum; and*
- ii) The General Manager and Mayor be authorised to execute the contracts under Council seal.*

ADOPTION OF RECOMMENDATIONS

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

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 11.15am.

CR A A MICHAEL

CHAIRPERSON