

MINUTES OF THE ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, INVERELL SHIRE COUNCIL, 144 OTHO STREET, INVERELL ON WEDNESDAY, 8 AUGUST, 2018, COMMENCING AT 10.30AM.

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

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

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

SECTION A

APOLOGIES:

There were no apologies received.

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

*RESOLVED (Harmon/Dight) that the Minutes of the Economic and Community Sustainability Committee Meeting held on 11 July, 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 were declared.

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Nil

SECTION B  
ADVOCACY REPORTS

Cr King Driver Safety Awareness Day – “Don’t be a Statistic”

Cr King attended the Inverell Driver Safety Awareness Day on 2 August, 2018. Students from Inverell, Bundarra, Emmaville, Bingara, Warialda and Ashford participated. It was a successful day and Council was thanked for their assistance.

Cr King Inverell Hospital Redevelopment

Cr King attended the turning of the first sod at the Inverell Hospital Redevelopment Project.

Cr King Community Violence Action Team

Cr King attended the Meeting of Community Violence Action Team.

Cr Harmon Waste to Energy – Country Mayor Association

Tenterfield Shire presented their proposal to CMA. It has been suggested by Tenterfield Shire that the Office of Environment and Heritage are prepared to consider the idea.

Cr Harmon attended a LGNSW Board Meeting. Unfortunately this meeting clashed with the Country Mayor's Association meeting which meant he was unable to attend but he will receive minutes of that meeting in due course, in order to ascertain if any further action is needed.

Cr Dight      Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Meeting

Cr Dight attended the first meeting of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee on 1 August, 2018.

SECTION D  
DESTINATION REPORTS

CSOP      1.      REQUEST TO LICENCE LAND – WESLEY SIMS S5.10.65

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

- i)      Council enter into a Licence Agreement with Wesley Sims for Unformed Road on Arrawatta Road, Oakwood, for a five (5) year period with a further five (5) year option;*
- ii)    the Licence fee be \$400 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      2.      REQUEST TO LICENCE LAND – KATHRYN TAIT S5.10.65

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

- i)      Council enter into a Licence Agreement with Kathryn Tait for Part Unformed Road, adjacent to Lot 101, DP 750068, Inverell, for a five (5) year period with a further five (5) year option;*
- ii)    the Licence fee be \$122.48 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.*

DC          3.      REQUEST FOR REDUCTION ON WATER ACCOUNT – 1 SWANBROOK ROAD, INVERELL S32.10.1/11

*RESOLVED (Harmon/Dight) 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.*

MIPR      4.      DRAFT CULTURAL AND ARTS STRATEGY BRIEF S15.8.81

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

- i) *the Draft Consultancy Brief be amended to include an additional purpose for the Strategy, that being “to encourage and facilitate the development of future new cultural activities and projects”;*
- ii) *the Draft Consultancy Brief (as amended) be adopted;*
- iii) *Council seeks Expressions of Interest (EOIs) from consultants during September and early October, with submissions closing on Friday, 12 October, 2018;*
- iv) *Cr Michael be nominated to serve on the selection panel which assesses the EOI submissions.*

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5. NATIONAL TRANSPORT MUSEUM – (LISTING) S8.5.9

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

- i) *the matters and information are ‘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);*
- 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.*

SECTION F  
QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

Cr Harmon Cr Harmon enquired about status of implementation of Single Touch Payroll and whether it is having a significant impact on resources.

Scott Norman (Director Corporate and Economic Services) replied Council has received an extension of time for implementation as part of a collective extension for users of the same software. The major cost will be staff time which will be accommodated in the normal operating budget.

DCES Cr Watts Cr Watts enquired as to what options are available to assist the Farming Community during the current drought.

Scott Norman (Director Corporate and Economic Services) undertook to provide a report on what assistance is available to the sector.

SECTION G  
GOVERNANCE REPORTS

MFS 1. GOVERNANCE - MONTHLY INVESTMENT REPORT S12.12.2/11

*RESOLVED (King/Dight) 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.*

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

At 11.15am, 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.*

*RESOLVED (Harmon/Dight) that the Committee proceeds out of Closed Committee into Open Committee.*

Upon resuming Open Committee at 11.43am, the Chair verbally reported that the Committee, with the Press and Public excluded, having considered the matters referred to it, recommends as follows:

DC            1.        REQUEST FOR REDUCTION ON WATER ACCOUNT S32.10.1/11

*That the Committee recommends to Council that Council issue an amended account of \$162.06 for the last quarter based on the average consumption of accounts prior to the leak and write off \$971.02.*

DCES        2.        NATIONAL TRANSPORT MUSEUM – LEASE ARRANGEMENTS S5.10.145  
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*That the Committee recommends to Council that:*

- i)        the 50% reduction of the Licence Fee for the use of the National Transport Museum premises at 69 Rifle Range Road, Inverell be extended for a further 2 years commencing 1 July 2018; and*
- ii)       Council request regular periodic financial updates and forecasts from the National Transport Museum.*

ADOPTION OF RECOMMENDATIONS

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

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 11.45am.

CR J A WATTS

CHAIRPERSON