

**MINUTES OF INVERELL SHIRE COUNCIL
ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE COMMITTEE ROOM, ADMINISTRATIVE CENTRE, 144 OTHO STREET,
INVERELL
ON WEDNESDAY, 10 JULY 2019 AT 10.30 AM**

PRESENT: Cr Jacki Watts (Chair), Cr Paul King, Cr Anthony Michael (Acting Mayor), Cr Neil McCosker and Cr Stewart Berryman.

NOTE: Quorum requirements met by including all Councillors.

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

1 APOLOGIES

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Anthony Michael
Seconded: Cr Paul King

That apologies be received from Cr Paul Harmon and Cr Kate Dight, who could not attend due to personal reasons, be accepted and leave of absence granted.

CARRIED

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Paul King
Seconded: Cr Anthony Michael

That the Minutes of the Economic and Community Sustainability Committee Meeting held on 12 June, 2019, as circulated to members, be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting.

CARRIED

3 DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS/PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Nil

4 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Paul Henry (General Manager) updated the Committee on the result of Council's expression of interest to purchase 24 Lawrence St, Inverell.

5 DESTINATION REPORTS

5.1 REQUEST TO WAIVE TOWN HALL HIRE FEE - OFFICE OF THE CHILDREN'S GUARDIAN

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Anthony Michael

Seconded: Cr Neil McCosker

The Committee recommend to Council that:

- i) The report be received and noted; and*
- ii) Council not accede to the request to waive the hire fees.*

CARRIED

5.2 EXPRESSION OF INTEREST TO LICENCE LAND - DUFF STREET, ASHFORD.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Anthony Michael

Seconded: Cr Paul King

The Committee recommend to Council that:

- i) Council enter into a Licence Agreement with Mr Robert and Mrs Kathryn Crowther for Lots 5, 6 and 7, Section 5, DP 758036, Duff Street, Ashford;*
- ii) The licence agreement be for a two (2) year period with a further two (2) year option;*
- iii) The Licence fee be \$100 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.*

CARRIED

5.3 REQUEST FOR SPONSORSHIP - MEN'S HEALTH NIGHT - INVERELL PROSTATE CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

RECOMMENDATION:

MOTION

Moved: Cr Paul King

Seconded: Cr Stewart Berryman

The Committee recommend to Council that:

- i) \$1000 be donated to Inverell Men's Health Night being held on 18 October, 2019;*
- ii) The donation be funded from the Joint Community Health Promotion Initiative vote; and*
- iii) A list of expenditure from the donation budget 2018-19 be presented to the August Economic & Community Sustainability Committee.*

CARRIED

5.4 GRANT FUNDING - TINGHA BRIDGE ROUNDABOUT**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Anthony Michael

Seconded: Cr Paul King

The Committee recommend to Council that the information be received and noted.

CARRIED**5.5 DONATION REQUEST - INVERELL ANGLERS' ASSOCIATION****RECOMMENDATION: MOTION**

Moved: Cr Anthony Michael

Seconded: Cr Paul King

The Committee recommend to Council that Council donate \$500 to assist with costs associated with restocking trout in the Macintyre River headwaters and the Gwydir River below Copeton Dam if the Inverell Anglers' Association proceed with restocking in the 2019-20 year.

CARRIED**5.6 CONNECTIONS BUILDING - ADJUSTMENT OF LEASE TERMS****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Anthony Michael

Seconded: Cr Paul King

That the matter be referred to Closed Council for consideration as the matters and information are:

- d(i) commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.*

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 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.

CARRIED**5.7 NSW PUBLIC LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION NORTH WEST ZONE AGM AND MEETING****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Paul King

Seconded: Cr Stewart Berryman

The Committee recommend to Council that:

- i) The report be received and noted; and*
- ii) Cr Baker be authorised to attend the State AGM and Conference being held in Penrith on 19-21 November, 2019.*

CARRIED**5.8 GRAFTON TO INVERELL CYCLE CLASSIC - EVENT IMPACT REPORT****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Anthony Michael

Seconded: Cr Stewart Berryman

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CARRIED**6 INFORMATION REPORTS****6.1 PROJECT OUTCOMES - DROUGHT COMMUNITIES PROGRAMME****6.2 LETTER OF APPRECIATION - GUM FLAT PUBLIC SCHOOL****6.3 SOCIAL MEDIA AND COUNCILLOR/STAFF INTERACTION POLICY****6.4 IPART REPORT INTO RATING****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Anthony Michael

Seconded: Cr Stewart Berryman

That the information reports be received and noted.

7 GOVERNANCE REPORTS

7.1 ADOPTION OF TINGHA RESIDENTIAL RATES

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Paul King

Seconded: Cr Anthony Michael

The Committee recommend to Council that:

Fixing of Rates

Whereas the Estimates of Income and Expenditure of the Consolidated Fund for the year 2019/2020 were adopted by Council on 24 April, 2019, and whereas such estimates were advertised in The Inverell Times newspaper on 3 May, 2019, and in accordance with S.535 of the Local Government Act, 1993, it is hereby recommended that:

RESIDENTIAL - TINGHA

A Residential Villages – Tingha rate of 7.1877 cents in the dollar on the 2016 land value of all rateable residential land in the village of Tingha.

CARRIED

7.2 GOVERNANCE - MONTHLY INVESTMENT REPORT

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Paul King

Seconded: Cr Anthony Michael

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.*

CARRIED

8 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS (COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE)

At 11.07am, the Chairperson noted that no members of the public or press were in attendance at the meeting therefore the Committee proceeded to consider the motion to close the meeting to the press and public.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Stewart Berryman

Seconded: Cr Anthony Michael

That Council proceeds into Closed Council to discuss the matters referred to it, for the reasons stated in the motions of referral.

CARRIED

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Paul Harmon

Seconded: Cr Paul King

That Council proceeds out of Closed Council into Open Council.

CARRIED

Upon resuming Open Council at 11.15am, the Chairperson 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:

8.1 GRAFTON TO INVERELL CYCLE CLASSIC - EVENT IMPACT REPORT

The Committee recommend to Council that the report on the Grafton to Inverell Cycle Classic – Event Economic Impact be noted.

8.2 CONNECTIONS BUILDING - ADJUSTMENT OF LEASE TERMS

The Committee recommend to Council that Connections be permitted to repay the funds invested by Council in the construction of the building located at 89 Vivian Street, Inverell.

ADOPTION OF RECOMMENDATIONS**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Stewart Berryman

Seconded: Cr Paul King

That the recommendations of Closed Committee be adopted.

CARRIED

The Meeting closed at 11.19am

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Economic and Community Sustainability Committee held on 14 August 2019.

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CHAIRPERSON