

**MINUTES OF INVERELL SHIRE COUNCIL  
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, ADMINISTRATIVE CENTRE, 144 OTHO STREET,  
INVERELL  
ON WEDNESDAY, 26 FEBRUARY 2020 AT 3.00 PM**

**PRESENT:** Cr Paul Harmon (Mayor), Cr Anthony Michael (Deputy Mayor), Cr Stewart Berryman, Cr Kate Dight, Cr Paul King OAM, Cr Neil McCosker, Cr Mal Peters and Cr Jacki Watts.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Brett McInnes (Acting General Manager) and Scott Norman (Director Corporate and Economic Services).

**1 APOLOGIES**

**RESOLUTION 2020/1**

Moved: Cr Stewart Berryman  
Seconded: Cr Paul King OAM

*That the apology received from Cr Baker for personal reasons be accepted and leave of absence granted.*

**CARRIED**

**2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**RESOLUTION 2020/2**

Moved: Cr Jacki Watts  
Seconded: Cr Anthony Michael

*That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 18 December, 2019, as circulated to members, be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting.*

**CARRIED**

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

Cr Harmon declared a pecuniary interest in Item # 8.1.4 'Crown Road Request - Adjacent to Gilgai School' on the basis there is a potential impact on the operations of the Inverell Bus Service.

**4 PUBLIC FORUM**

Nil

**5 NOTICES OF MOTION**

Nil

**6 QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE**

Nil

**7        ADVOCACY REPORTS**

Nil

**8        COMMITTEE REPORTS****8.1      CIVIL AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MINUTES - 12 FEBRUARY 2020****RESOLUTION 2020/3**

Moved:     Cr Stewart Berryman

Seconded: Cr Jacki Watts

*That Council deal with item # 8.1.4 Crown Road Request - Adjacent to Gilgai School separately.***RESOLUTION 2020/4**

Moved:     Cr Anthony Michael

Seconded: Cr Stewart Berryman

- i)        That the Minutes of the Civil and Environmental Services Committee held on Wednesday, 12 February, 2020, be received and noted; and*
- ii)      The following recommendations of the Civil & Environmental Services Committee be adopted by Council.*

**CARRIED****8.1.1 Petition / Letter for Declaration of Climate Emergency***That:*

- i)        The report be received and noted; and*
- ii)      The Authors of the petition be made aware of the Inverell Shire Council Environmental Sustainability Plan.*

**8.1.2 Drainage Upgrade - Bundarra Road Adjacent to Racecourse***That:*

- (a)      The Flooding Assessment Report be received, noted and the recommendations be adopted;*
- (b)      Detailed engineering design work be completed on the report recommendations, with the design to include: pavement reconstruction, drainage considerations and tree replacement;*
- (c)      A future report be presented to Council providing costings for the drainage, road rehabilitation and tree replacement to allow funding allocation; and*
- (d)      The findings of the report be presented to the management committee of the Pioneer Village for their information and action.*

### 8.1.3 Roads to Recovery - Additional Funding Allocation

*That the additional \$1,402,055 Roads to Recovery funding be allocated as follows:*

- *Sealed Road Heavy Patching - \$500,000*
- *Concrete Culvert/Causeway replacement/upgrade - \$500,000*
- *Gravel Resheeting - \$402,055*

### 8.1.5 Petition Regarding Vegetation in Frazers Creek - Ashford Village

*That:*

- i) The information be received and noted;*
- ii) No further action be taken; and*
- iii) The lead author of the petition be formally advised of Council's course of action and provided with the appropriate contact details for the Natural Resource Access Regulator (NRAR).*

At 3.06 pm, Cr Paul Harmon left the meeting having previously declared an interest in Item # 8.1.4 'Crown Road Request - Adjacent to Gilgai School'. Cr Michael assumed the chair.

### 8.1.4 Crown Road Request - Adjacent to Gilgai School

#### **RESOLUTION 2020/5**

Moved: Cr Stewart Berryman

Seconded: Cr Kate Dight

*That the section of Crown Road as presented in Attachment 2 be transferred to Council, on the provision that:*

- i) Known hazards associated with trees be addressed prior to transfer;*
- ii) Any future upgrade of this section of road be subject to grant funding or contribution from the Department of Education;*
- iii) The maintenance classification of the road be Urban Minor; and*
- iv) Council apply for relevant grant funding in order to improve road safety at the location.*

**CARRIED**

Cr McCosker and Cr Peters requested their votes against the motion be recorded on the basis there is already an approved bus stop at the location.

At 3:11 pm, Cr Paul Harmon returned to the meeting and resumed the chair.

**8.2 ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE MINUTES - 12 FEBRUARY 2020****RESOLUTION 2020/6**

Moved: Cr Jacki Watts

Seconded: Cr Anthony Michael

- i) *That the Minutes of the Economic and Community Sustainability Committee held on Wednesday, 12 February, 2020, be received and noted; and*
- ii) *The following recommendations of the Economic & Community Sustainability Committee be adopted by Council.*

**CARRIED**

**8.2.1 Inverell Arts Working Group (AWG) Request**

*That Council offer in principle support and request a report covering the insurance implications of loaning the Inverell Shire Acquisitional Art Collection to display at the redeveloped Inverell Hospital on a rotational basis. The report should detail the procedural changes, any additional costs and contain a draft policy. The proposal is to be developed in consultation with The Inverell Arts in Health Working Group.*

**8.2.2 Renew Our Libraries Phase 2**

*That:*

1. *Council make representation to the local State Member, Hon. Adam Marshall, MP in relation to the need for a sustainable state funding model for the ongoing provision of public library services;*
2. *That Council write to the Hon. Don Harwin, Minister for the Arts and the Hon. Walt Secord, Shadow Minister for the Arts, calling for bi-partisan support for Consumer Price Index (CPI) indexation of state funding for NSW public libraries, as well as legislation of all elements of the 2019-20 to 2022-23 NSW state funding model;*
3. *That Council take a leading role in lobbying for sustainable state government funding for libraries; and*
4. *That Council endorse the distribution of the NSW Public Libraries Association NSW library sustainable funding advocacy information in Council libraries, as well as involvement in any actions proposed by the Association.*

**8.2.3 Expiring Licence Agreement - B and J Watkins**

*That:*

1. *Council renew the agreement with Mr Brad and Jackie Watkins for Part Lot 1, DP 1166343, Rifle Range Road, Inverell;*
2. *The licence agreement be for a three (3) year period with a three (3) year option;*
3. *The Licence fee be \$3208.42 per annum (GST Inclusive); and*
4. *The Licence Agreement be subject to any other terms and conditions as negotiated by Council's General Manager.*

**8.2.4 Bushfire Recovery Fund**

*That:*

- a) *The information be noted; and*
- b) *The General Manager prepares a program of works for financial assistance from the Bushfire Recovery Fund.*

**8.2.5 Request to Lease - Mandoe Radio Site - Lot 22 DP 721168 Mount Hallam Road, Atholwood - NSW Government Telecommunications Authority**

*That:*

1. *Council enter into a Licence Agreement with NSW Government Telecommunications Authority for Mandoe Radio Site, Lot 22 DP 721168, Mount Hallam Road, Atholwood for a five (5) year period with an option of 3 further terms of five (5) years;*
2. *the Licence fee be \$5500 per annum (GST exclusive) with a 3% increase per annum; and*
3. *the Licence Agreement be subject to any other terms and conditions as negotiated by Council's General Manager.*

**8.2.6 Request to Lease Land - Lot 1 DP 124236 Wyndham Street, Inverell - Tahnee Manton**

*That:*

1. *Council enter into a Licence Agreement with Ms Tahnee Manton for Lot 1 DP 124236, Wyndham Street, Inverell for a five (5) year period with a further five (5) year option;*
2. *the Licence fee be \$150.00 per annum (GST Inclusive) with a 3% increase per annum; and*
3. *the Licence Agreement be subject to any other terms and conditions as negotiated by Council's General Manager.*

**8.2.7 Request for Financial Assistance - ANZAC Day 2020**

*That the request be received and noted and that Council advise the RSL sub branch Council will not be assisting with this matter.*

**8.2.8 Reflection Garden - Victoria Park**

*That Council:*

- a) *Consider the location of the 'reflection area' within the master planning process for Victoria Park;*
- b) *Determine the final form of the 'structure' that constitutes the 'reflection' area;*
- c) *Determine a suitable 'low cost/low maintenance' landscaping plan; and*
- d) *A cost estimate of the installation of the 'reflection area' be prepared and the funding of this cost be discussed with the Group.*

**8.2.9 Quarterly Budget and Operational Plan 2019/2020**

*That:*

- i) *Council's Quarterly Operational Plan and Budget Review for 31 December, 2019 be adopted; and*
- ii) *The proposed variations to budget votes for the 2019/2020 Financial Year be adopted providing an estimated Cash Surplus at 30 June, 2020 from operations of \$4,241.*

**8.2.10 Governance – Monthly Investment Report**

*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.*

**8.2.11 Request For Reduction in Water Account - 60 Brae Street, Inverell**

*That Council issue an amended account for the amount of \$ 69.92 for the last quarter based on average consumption of accounts prior to the leak and write off \$ 385.38.*

**8.2.12 Inverell Polocrosse Club - Eddy Park Lane**

*That the General Manager be authorised to enter into negotiations with a view to purchasing at the price agreed in closed Council, the parcel of land on Eddy Park Lane currently leased by the Inverell Polocrosse Club.*

**8.2.13 Oliver Street Land**

*That Council obtain a valuation of the subject Council owned land in Oliver Street, Inverell and then Council calls for expressions of interest in purchasing the land for development.*

**9 DESTINATION REPORTS**

Nil

**10 INFORMATION REPORTS**

**RESOLUTION 2020/7**

Moved: Cr Anthony Michael

Seconded: Cr Paul King OAM

*That the information reports be received and noted.*

**CARRIED**

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**10.1 AMENDMENTS TO THE ELECTORAL PROVISIONS OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (GENERAL) REGULATION 2005 S13.5.2/12**

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**10.2 STRATEGIC TASKS - 'SIGN OFF' - JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 2020 S4.13.2**

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**10.3 STAFF MOVEMENTS: - 01 OCTOBER 2019 TO 31 DECEMBER 2019 S22.25.1**

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**10.4 SUMMARY OF DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS, CONSTRUCTION CERTIFICATES AND COMPLYING DEVELOPMENTS DURING DECEMBER 2019 S18.10.2/13**

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**10.5 SEPTIC TANK APPROVALS FOR DECEMBER 2019 S29.19.1**

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**10.6 ORDINANCE ACTIVITIES REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2019 S18.10.1**

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**10.7 SUMMARY OF DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS, CONSTRUCTION CERTIFICATES AND COMPLYING DEVELOPMENTS DURING JANUARY 2020 S18.10.2/13**

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**10.8 ORDINANCE ACTIVITIES REPORT FOR JANUARY 2020 S18.10.1**

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**10.9 SEPTIC TANK APPROVALS FOR JANUARY 2020 S29.19.1**

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**10.10 ANNUAL LEAVE S22.13.2/07**

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**10.11 BRIEFING - REQUEST TO AMEND INVERELL LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL PLAN 2012 - LOT 1 DP 825894, 60 JARDINE ROAD, INVERELL S18.6.34/09**

**10.12 2019 YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES PROGRAM S15.8.92**

**10.13 STATUS OF TOWN WATER SUPPLIES S32.15.19**

**10.14 BUSH FIRE RECOVERY FUND S15.8.16**

**10.15 NSW BUSHFIRE INQUIRY S3.16.18**

**RESOLUTION 2020/8**

Moved: Cr Mal Peters

Seconded: Cr Neil McCosker

*That Council prepare a submission to the NSW Bushfire Inquiry following the holding of a public meeting to ascertain the views of the community.*

**CARRIED**

**SUPPLEMENTARY COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**RESOLUTION 2020/9**

Moved: Cr Anthony Michael

Seconded: Cr Kate Dight

*That the supplementary report 8.3 Public Art Sunset Committee Minutes - 6 February 2020 be received.*

**CARRIED**

**8.3 PUBLIC ART SUNSET COMMITTEE MINUTES - 6 FEBRUARY 2020**

**RESOLUTION 2020/10**

Moved: Cr Anthony Michael

Seconded: Cr Kate Dight

*i) That the Minutes of the Public Art Sunset Committee held on Thursday, 6 February, 2020, be received and noted; and*

*ii) The following recommendations of the Public Art Sunset Committee be adopted by Council.*

**CARRIED**

**8.3.1 Cultural Plan**

- A. *That the ‘Quick Win Opportunities’ in the Cultural and Arts Strategy be the Inverell Shire Council’s Cultural and Arts Action Plan;*
- B. *That a funding application be submitted to the ‘LGA Arts and Cultural programs’ to assist with the implementation of the Action Plan over the next three years; and*
- C. *That expressions of interest be invited for the treatment of the town hall wall (portion) and footpath at the art gallery with an item of public art.*

**8.3.2 Point of Interest – Public Art Object**

*That Council investigate the use of ‘sapphire’ shapes as an art feature for use at various locations in town.*

**8.3.3 Sculpture Scottish Cairn**

*That Mr Kerr be advised that the installation is not a priority public art project and that the project not proceed.*

**8.3.4 Christmas Decorations**

*That Council investigate how the provision of power to the Tatts roundabout can be installed in order that lighted decorations can be placed in this roundabout.*

**11 GOVERNANCE REPORTS**

Nil

**12 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS (COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE)**

Nil

**The Meeting closed at 3.50pm.**

**The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 25 March 2020.**

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**CHAIRPERSON**