

**MINUTES OF INVERELL SHIRE COUNCIL
ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE COMMITTEE ROOM, ADMINISTRATIVE CENTRE, 144 OTHO STREET,
INVERELL
ON WEDNESDAY, 12 FEBRUARY 2020 AT 10.30 AM**

PRESENT: Cr Jacki Watts (Chair), Cr Paul King OAM, Cr Paul Harmon (Mayor), Cr Kate Dight and Cr Anthony Michael (Deputy Mayor).

IN ATTENDANCE: Cr Stewart Berryman, Cr Neil McCosker and Cr Di Baker.

Brett McInnes (Acting General Manager), Scott Norman (Director Corporate & Economic Services) and Paul Pay (Manager Financial Services).

1 APOLOGIES

Nil

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Anthony Michael
Seconded: Cr Paul Harmon

That the Minutes of the Economic and Community Sustainability Committee Meeting held on 13 November, 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 ADVOCACY REPORTS

**4.1 NEW SOUTH WALES PUBLIC LIBRARY ASSOCIATION AGM AND CONFERENCE
NOVEMBER 2019 S3.6.4**

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Anthony Michael
Seconded: Cr Kate Dight

That the report is received and noted.

CARRIED

4.2 INVERELL ARTS WORKING GROUP (AWG) REQUEST S26.5.10**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Anthony Michael

Seconded: Cr Kate Dight

That the Committee 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.

CARRIED**4.3 RENEW OUR LIBRARIES PHASE 2 S3.6.1/13****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Paul Harmon

Seconded: Cr Kate Dight

The Committee recommend to Council:

- 1. That 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.*

CARRIED

5 DESTINATION REPORTS

5.1 REQUEST FOR REDUCTION IN WATER ACCOUNT - 60 BRAE STREET, INVERELL S32.10.1/12

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Paul Harmon

Seconded: Cr Anthony Michael

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

- a personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than councillors).*

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

5.2 EXPIRING LICENCE AGREEMENT - B AND J WATKINS S5.10.89

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Anthony Michael

Seconded: Cr Paul Harmon

The Committee recommend to Council 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.*

CARRIED

5.3 BUSHFIRE RECOVERY FUND S15.8.16

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Paul Harmon

Seconded: Cr Anthony Michael

The Committee recommend to Council that:

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

CARRIED

5.4 REQUEST TO LEASE - MANDOE RADIO SITE - LOT 22 DP 721168 MOUNT HALLAM ROAD, ATHOLWOOD - NSW GOVERNMENT TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY S5.10.65

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Anthony Michael

Seconded: Cr Kate Dight

The Committee recommend to Council 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.*

CARRIED

5.5 REQUEST TO LEASE LAND - LOT 1 DP 124236 WYNDHAM STREET, INVERELL - TAHNEE MANTON S5.10.33

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Paul Harmon

Seconded: Cr Anthony Michael

The Committee recommend to Council 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.*

CARRIED

5.6 REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE - ANZAC DAY 2020 S12.22.1/13

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Anthony Michael

Seconded: Cr Paul Harmon

The Committee recommend to Council that the request be received and noted and that Council advise the RSL sub branch Council will not be assisting with this matter.

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5.7 INVERELL POLOCROSSE CLUB - EDDY PARK LANE S15.8.25/12**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Paul Harmon

Seconded: Cr Kate Dight

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

- c information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.*

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

5.8 OLIVER STREET LAND S5.2.0/13**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Paul Harmon

Seconded: Cr Kate Dight

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

5.9 REFLECTION GARDEN - VICTORIA PARK S21.8.31**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Paul King OAM

Seconded: Cr Paul Harmon

The Committee recommend to Council that Council:

- a) Consider the location of the 'reflection area' within the mastering 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.*

CARRIED

6 INFORMATION REPORTS

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Anthony Michael

Seconded: Cr Paul Harmon

That the information reports be received and noted.

CARRIED

6.1 STATECOVER - SAFETY, HEALTH AND WELLBEING INCENTIVE S27.1.12

6.2 LETTER AND PETITION - STREET TREES S30.11.4/02

6.3 REVISION OF LIBRARY FINES PROCESS S3.6.1/13

6.4 COUNCIL RATE RELIEF FOR BUSHFIRE AFFECTED COMMUNITIES S3.16.18

7 GOVERNANCE REPORTS

7.1 GOVERNANCE - MONTHLY INVESTMENT REPORT S12.12.2/12

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Kate Dight

Seconded: Cr Paul King OAM

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

7.2 QUARTERLY BUDGET AND OPERATIONAL PLAN 2019/2020 S12.5.1

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Kate Dight

Seconded: Cr Paul King OAM

That the Committee recommend to Council 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.*

CARRIED

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

At 11.15am, the Chairperson noted that no members of the public or press were in attendance at the meeting therefore Council proceeded to consider the motion to close the meeting to the press and public.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Paul Harmon

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

At 11:15 am, Cr Di Baker left the meeting having previously declared a non-pecuniary interest in item #5.7 'Inverell Polocrosse Club – Eddy Park Lane'.

At 11:25 am, Cr Di Baker returned to the meeting.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Paul Harmon

Seconded: Cr Kate Dight

That Council proceeds out of Closed Council into Open Council.

CARRIED

Upon resuming Open Committee at 11.48am, the Chairperson verbally reported that the Council had met in Closed Committee, with the Press and Public excluded, and had resolved to recommend to Council the following:

8.1 REQUEST FOR REDUCTION IN WATER ACCOUNT - 60 BRAE STREET, INVERELL S32.10.1/12

That the Committee recommends to Council 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 INVERELL POLOCROSSE CLUB - EDDY PARK LANE S15.8.25/12

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

8.3 OLIVER STREET LAND S5.2.0/13

That the Committee recommend to Council 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.

ADOPTION OF RECOMMENDATIONS

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Paul Harmon

Seconded: Cr Kate Dight

That the recommendations of Closed Council be adopted.

CARRIED

The Meeting closed at 11.50am.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Economic and Community Sustainability Committee held on 11 March 2020.

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CHAIRPERSON