

**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 MARCH 2021 AT 10.30AM**

**PRESENT:** Cr Jacki Watts (Chairperson), 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 via Zoom and Cr Di Baker.  
Paul Henry (General Manager) and Sharon Stafford (Executive Assistant).

**1 APOLOGIES**

Nil

**2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Anthony Michael

Seconded: Cr Kate Dight

*That the Minutes of the Economic and Community Sustainability Committee Meeting held on 10 February, 2021, 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**

Cr Anthony Michael declared a pecuniary interest in relation to item 6.1, 'Request for Reduction on Water Account S32.10.1/14'. The nature of the interest being that Cr Michael has been appointed to the newly formed Parish Finance Committee.

**4 DESTINATION REPORTS**

**4.1 REQUEST FOR REDUCTION ON WATER ACCOUNT S32.10.1/14**

**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Kate Dight

Seconded: Cr Paul Harmon

*That the matter be referred to Closed Committee 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**

**4.2 PROPOSAL FROM FUTUREBUS - HYDROGEN PLANT S8.3.1/14****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Paul Harmon

Seconded: Cr Anthony Michael

*That the information be noted.*

**CARRIED****5 GOVERNANCE REPORTS****5.1 GOVERNANCE - MONTHLY INVESTMENT REPORT S12.12.2/14****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Paul King OAM

Seconded: Cr Kate Dight

*The Committee recommend to Council that:*

- i) the report indicating Council's Fund Management position be received and noted;*
- ii) the Certification of the Responsible Accounting Officer be noted; and*
- iii) further investigation be undertaken on Council's Investment Strategy to identify if there is any opportunities available which would further maximise Council's return on investment.*

**CARRIED****6 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS (COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE)**

At 10.43am 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.

At 10:44am, Cr Anthony Michael left the meeting, having previously declared a pecuniary interest in Item 6.1, 'Request for Reduction on Water Account S32.10.1/14'. The nature of the interest being that Cr Michael has been appointed to the newly formed Parish Finance Committee.

**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Paul Harmon

Seconded: Cr Paul King OAM

*That the Committee proceeds into Closed Committee 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 OAM

*That the Committee proceeds out of Closed Committee into Open Committee.*

**CARRIED**

Upon resuming Open Committee at 10.46am, the Chairperson verbally reported that the Committee had met in Closed Committee, with the Press and Public excluded, and had resolved to recommend to Council the following:

**6.1 REQUEST FOR REDUCTION ON WATER ACCOUNT S32.10.1/14**

*That the Committee recommend to Council:*

- a) *The report be received; and*
- b) *Council issue an amended account of \$36.72 for the previous two quarters based on the average consumption of accounts prior to the leak and write off \$ 7430.79.*

**ADOPTION OF RECOMMENDATIONS****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Paul Harmon  
Seconded: Cr Paul King OAM

*That the recommendations of Closed Committee be adopted.*

**CARRIED**

At 10:47am, Cr Anthony Michael returned to the meeting.

**The Meeting closed at 10.48am.**

**The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Economic and Community Sustainability Committee held on 14 April 2021.**

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**CHAIRPERSON**