

**MINUTES OF INVERELL SHIRE COUNCIL  
ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD AT THE COMMITTEE ROOM, ADMINISTRATIVE CENTRE, 144 OTHO STREET,  
INVERELL  
ON WEDNESDAY, 14 APRIL 2021 AT 9.30AM**

**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.

Paul Henry (General Manager), Brett McInnes (Director Civil & Environmental Services), Paul Pay (Manager Financial Services) 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 March, 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**

Nil

**4 DESTINATION REPORTS**

**4.1 2021/2022 DRAFT ESTIMATES AND OPERATIONAL PLAN, AND LONG TERM FINANCIAL PLAN S12.5.3**

**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Paul Harmon

Seconded: Cr Kate Dight

1. That the following works be funded from the Urban Works Vote and be included in the 2021/2022 Budget:

i) Inverell and Villages - Urban Renewal and Upgrade General Fund, Water Fund

Project subject to a further report to Civil and  
Environmental Committee

\$538.15K

\$ 0K

ii) Footpaths and Cycleway Construction

\$46.8K

*\$ for \$ Contribution to PAMP Program**(Subject to RMS approving the 2021/2022 Program)**iii) Village Works – Community suggested projects*

Ashford	\$7.54K
Delungra	\$7.54K
Gilgai	\$7.54K
Yetman	\$7.54K
Tingha	\$7.54K
Oakwood	\$1.12K
Bonshaw	\$1.12K
Graman	\$1.12K
Nullamanna	\$1.12K
Elsmore	\$1.12K
Stannifer	\$1.12K
Gum Flat	\$1.12K

**GENERAL FUND GRAND TOTAL****\$ 630.49K****WATER FUND TOTAL****\$ 0K****2. That:**

- i) the budget allocations of \$2.26M for the 2021/2022 ACRD Program be endorsed and a further report be presented to the Civil and Environmental Services Committee in respect of the funding allocations and individual works proposed to be undertaken under this program;*
- ii) the budget allocations of the \$160K RMS Supplementary Block Grant Program be the subject of a further report to the Civil and Environmental Services Committee Meeting;*
- iii) the budget allocation of \$1.402M for the 2021/2022 Roads to Recovery Program be endorsed and a further report be presented to the Civil and Environmental Services Committee in respect of the specific projects to be funded;*
- iv) the budget allocation of \$2.970M for the 2021/2022 Block Grant Program be endorsed and a further report be presented to the Civil and Environmental Services Committee in respect of the specific projects to be funded; and*
- v) the budget allocation of \$544.99K for the RMS Repair Program be endorsed and a report on the projects for the RMS approved Repair Program for 2021/2022 be presented to the Civil and Environmental Services Committee once advice has been received.*

**3. That Council utilises the maximum permissible rate increase allowed by IPART of 2%.****4. That:**

- i) Council provide an allocation of \$115K for joint industry promotions and assistance;*
- ii) the following 2021/2022 Strategic Capital Infrastructure/Projects Program projects*

*be endorsed:*

- *Inverell Swimming Pool Redevelopment*      \$ 515K

- iii) *The budget allocation of \$341K for the 2021/2022 Special Projects – Roads Infrastructure Fund be endorsed;*
- iv) *A further report be presented to the Civil and Environment Committee in respect of the specific projects to be funded under the Special Projects – Roads Infrastructure Fund;*
- v) *the transfers to and from Internally Restricted Assets be endorsed; and*
- vi) *the list of inclusions as included in the 2021/2022 draft Operational Plan/Budget and listed in section 4.2.2 & 4.2.3 of the report be endorsed.*

5. *That:*

- i) *The following rating categories be utilised for the 2021/2022 rating year:*

*Residential – Inverell*

*Residential – General*

*Residential – Ashford*

*Residential – Delungra*

*Residential – Gilgai*

*Residential – Yetman*

*Residential - Tingha*

*Residential – Rural*

*Business – Inverell Industrial/Commercial*

*Business – Other*

*Farmland*

*Mining*

- ii) *A General Base Amount of \$225 plus an Ad Valorem Rate be determined for the categories detailed in above.*

6. *That the Interest Rate applicable to Outstanding Rates and Charges for 2021/2022 be set at the maximum allowable rate as advised by the Office of Local Government.*

7. *That the following Waste Management Charges be adopted:*

- i) *Waste Management Charge – All Properties*      \$95.00
- ii) *Waste Management Charge – All Properties*      \$95.00  
*(Tingha Boundary Adjustment)*
- iii) *Domestic Waste Management - Occupied Charge: per service per assessment*      \$350.00
- iv) *Domestic Waste Management - Occupied Charge*      \$350.00  
*Tingha Boundary Adjustment – properties with 140lt garbage bin per service per assessment*

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| v)    | <i>Domestic Waste Management – Unoccupied Charge</i>                           | <i>\$65.00</i>  |
| vi)   | <i>Weekly Commercial Waste Management Charge</i>                               | <i>\$350.00</i> |
|       | <i>(This Charge is levied per Service, and GST is charged if applicable)</i>   |                 |
| vii)  | <i>Weekly Commercial Recycling Charge (ex GST)</i>                             | <i>\$130.00</i> |
| viii) | <i>Fortnightly Commercial Recycling Charge (ex GST)</i>                        | <i>\$70.00</i>  |
|       | <i>(These Charge are levied per Service, and GST is charged if applicable)</i> |                 |

8. *That the Fees and Charges, as recommended, be adopted.*

9. *That:*

- i) *the Stormwater Management Service Charge be set at the maximum amount allowable of \$25.00 per Residential Premises, \$12.50 per Residential Strata lot, and \$25.00 for Business Premises for each 350 square metres or additional part thereof, subject to a maximum charge on Business Premises of \$200.00; and*
- ii) *the Stormwater Management Program as recommended being Gilgai Drainage Project as per the adopted Gilgai Drainage Upgrade Plan, be adopted.*

10. *That:*

- i) *the report on the balanced budget be noted;*
- ii) *the draft estimates (incorporating the Operational Plan and Long Term Financial Plans) for the General Activities for 2021/2022 be adopted and placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days as required by Section 405 of the Local Government Act 1993.*

11. *That:*

- i) *the Sewerage Charges as listed below be adopted for 2021/2022:*

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| • | <i>Sewerage Charge Occupied</i>                               | <i>\$ 550.00</i>   |
| • | <i>Sewerage Charge Unoccupied</i>                             | <i>\$ 345.00</i>   |
| • | <i>Sewerage Charge Unoccupied –Tingha Boundary adjustment</i> | <i>\$ 345.00</i>   |
| • | <i>Sewerage Charge Flats/Units</i>                            | <i>\$ 345.00</i>   |
| • | <i>Sewerage Charge Nursing Homes</i>                          | <i>\$ 2,585.00</i> |
| • | <i>Sewerage Charge Hotel/Licenced Clubs</i>                   | <i>\$ 1,650.00</i> |

<i>Number of Services per Assessment</i>	<i>Annual Charge Per Assessment</i>
<i>1</i>	<i>\$ 550.00</i>
<i>2</i>	<i>\$ 895.00</i>
<i>3</i>	<i>\$1,240.00</i>
<i>4</i>	<i>\$1,585.00</i>
<i>5</i>	<i>\$1,930.00</i>
<i>6</i>	<i>\$2,275.00</i>
<i>7</i>	<i>\$2,620.00</i>

8	\$2,965.00
9	\$3,310.00
10	\$3,655.00
11	\$4,000.00
12	\$4,345.00
13	\$4,690.00
14	\$5,035.00
15	\$5,380.00

- Sewerage Non-Rateable Schools – WC's \$90.00 per receptacle
- Sewerage Non-Rateable Other – WC's \$150.00 per receptacle
- Sewerage Non-Rateable Urinals \$ 90.00 per receptacle

#### Charge Structure for Motels and Caravan Parks

*In accordance with the new charge structure for Motels and Caravan Parks the following charges are proposed for 2021/2022:*

- Motel Residence \$ 550.00
- Motel Restaurant \$ 550.00
- Motel Ensuite \$ 173.00
- Caravan Park Residence \$ 550.00
- Caravan Park Amenities \$1,650.00
- Block
- Caravan Park Ensuite \$ 173.00
- Cabins

- ii) *The Draft Estimates (incorporating Operational Plan) for the Sewerage Fund for 2021/2022 be adopted and placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days as required by Section 405 of the Local Government Act 1993.*

#### 12. That:

- i) *a water availability base charge of \$395.00 per assessment (Includes first water meter) be adopted for 2021/2022;*
- ii) *a water charge of \$395.00 per additional water meter, per assessment be adopted for 2021/2022;*
- iii) *a water charge of \$370.00 per assessment (includes first water meter) be adopted for properties within the Tingha Boundary Adjustment area for 2021/2022;*
- iv) *a water charge of \$370.00 per additional water meter, per assessment be adopted for properties within the Tingha Boundary Adjustment area for 2021/2022;*
- v) *a charge of \$1.72 per kilolitre be adopted for commercial water consumption for 2021/2022;*
- vi) *a charge of \$1.72 per kilolitre, 0 to 600 kilolitres and \$2.00 per kilolitre over 600 kilolitres be adopted for residential water consumption for 2021/2022;*

- vii) *a charge of \$0.90 per kilolitre be adopted for water consumption - Abattoirs, plus a 20 per cent early settlement discount for 2021/2022;*
- viii) *a charge of \$0.90 per kilolitre be adopted for Community Facilities water consumption; Eligible entities include: Inverell Minor League, Inverell Golf Club, Inverell Tennis Club, Inverell Rugby Club, Gilgai Tennis Club, Inverell Equestrian Council and Inverell Shire Council (Sporting fields and Parks) for 2021/2022;*
- ix) *a charge of \$0.44 per kilolitre be adopted for Raw Water consumption for 2021/2022; and*
- x) *the draft Estimates (incorporating Operational Plan) for the Water Fund for 2021/2022 be adopted and placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days as required by Section 405 of the Local Government Act, 1993.*

**CARRIED**

## 4.2 HIGH SECURITY WATER CHARGE

### COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Kate Dight  
Seconded: Cr Paul Harmon

*That the Committee recommend to Council that:*

- i) *Council make a submission to IPART opposing the increase in high security water charges on the basis that the charges are not reflective of the costs involved; and*
- ii) *Council seek reconsideration of the water charges imposed by Water NSW.*

**CARRIED**

At 10:12 am, Cr Anthony Michael left the meeting to enable him to represent Council at the official opening of Stage 2 of the Inverell Hospital Redevelopment.

## 4.3 REQUEST TO CLOSE COUNCIL ROAD - RAINGERS ROAD, MOUNT RUSSELL S28.22.1/14

### COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Paul Harmon  
Seconded: Cr Paul King OAM

*The Committee recommend to Council that Council not accede to the request to close Raingers Road, Mount Russell.*

**CARRIED**

**4.4 RIVERSIDE RESTAURANT - LEASE S5.10.93****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:*

- 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 INFORMATION REPORTS****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Paul Harmon

Seconded: Cr Kate Dight

*That the information reports be received and noted.*

**CARRIED**

**5.1 SUMMARY OF ARTS NORTH WEST SUPPORT OF ARTS AND CULTURAL ACTIVITY 2020 S26.5.4****5.2 MOBILE BLACK SPOT PROGRAM S10.12.2/14****5.3 UPDATE ON CROWN LAND MANAGED BY COUNCIL S5.19.1****6 GOVERNANCE REPORTS****6.1 GOVERNANCE - MONTHLY INVESTMENT REPORT S12.12.2****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 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS (COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE)

At 10.23am, 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 Paul Harmon

Seconded: Cr Kate Dight

*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 Kate Dight

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

**CARRIED**

Upon resuming Open Committee at 10.47am, 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:

### 7.1 RIVERSIDE RESTAURANT - LEASE S5.10.93

#### RECOMMENDATION:

*The Committee recommend to Council that:*

- i) *Council notes that the lessee ceased trading at the Riverside Restaurant on 11 April, 2021,*
- ii) *The Mayor and General Manager be delegated authority to negotiate the purchase of the lessee's restaurant equipment in accordance with a price guided by those with appropriate knowledge of the restaurant equipment market;*
- iii) *Expressions of Interest be called at the earliest opportunity for the lease of the function centre tenancy including various options to purchase/lease the equipment detailed in ii) above.*

## ADOPTION OF RECOMMENDATIONS

### COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Paul Harmon

Seconded: Cr Kate Dight

*That the recommendations of Closed Committee be adopted.*

**CARRIED**



**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Cr Watts sought a leave of absence for the April Ordinary Council Meeting for personal reasons.

**The Meeting closed at 10.49am.**

**The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Economic and Community Sustainability Committee held on 12 May 2021.**

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**CHAIRPERSON**