

**MINUTES OF INVERELL SHIRE COUNCIL
ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE COMMITTEE ROOM, ADMINISTRATIVE CENTRE, 144 OTHO STREET,
INVERELL
ON WEDNESDAY, 9 JUNE 2021 AT 10.30AM**

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

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

Paul Henry (General Manager), Brett McInnes (Director Civil & Environmental Services) and Paul Pay (Director Corporate and Economic Services).

1 APOLOGIES

Nil

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Paul King OAM

Seconded: Cr Kate Dight

That the Minutes of the Economic and Community Sustainability Committee Meeting held on 12 May, 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 ADVOCACY REPORTS

4.1 BORDER REGIONAL ORGANISATION OF COUNCILS (BROC) - MAY 2021 S14.10.1

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Kate Dight

Seconded: Cr Paul King OAM

That the Committee recommend to Council that:

- i) Inverell Shire Council investigates the opportunity to join the Southern Inland Water Alliance with the view to bringing the information back to Council for further debate;*
- ii) Ascertain details of the work being undertaken by RDANI on the infrastructure gaps in this region and look to include / assess projects relevant to Inverell Shire Council; and*
- iii) Refer the establishment of Drought Hubs for possible inclusion in New England Joint Organisation's statement of regional priorities.*

CARRIED

5 DESTINATION REPORTS

5.1 EXPIRING LICENCE AGREEMENT - INVERELL DISTRICT FAMILY SERVICES S5.10.10

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Paul King OAM

Seconded: Cr Paul Harmon

That the Committee recommend to Council that:

- i) Council renew the agreement with Inverell District Family Services for Part Lot 86, DP 1152042, Campbell Street, Inverell (Catherine Campbell Centre) for a further five (5) year period with the option of a further five (5) year term;*
- ii) the licence fee continue to be a token fee of \$1.10 per annum; and*
- iii) the Licence Agreement be subject to any other terms and conditions as negotiated by Council's General Manager.*

CARRIED

5.2 REQUEST FOR SPONSORSHIP - DELUNGRA HOTEL SHEAR FOR LIFE - QUICK SHEAR EVENT S12.22.1/14

RECOMMENDATION:

MOTION

Moved: Cr Anthony Michael

Seconded: Cr Kate Dight

That Council refer this request to Delungra District Development Committee for consideration.

5.3 EXPIRING LICENCE AGREEMENT - J AND S BELL S5.10.52

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Anthony Michael

Seconded: Cr Paul King OAM

That the Committee recommend to Council that:

- i) Council renew the agreement with Joe & Sam Bell for Lot 10, DP 1123056, Taylor Avenue, Inverell for a two (2) year period with the option of a further two (2) year period;*
- ii) the licence fee be \$700.51 per annum (GST Inclusive) with a 3% increase per annum; and*
- iii) the Licence Agreement be subject to any other terms and conditions as negotiated by Council's General Manager.*

CARRIED

5.4 REQUEST FOR SPONSORSHIP - INVERELL'S GOT TALENT - ROTARY CLUB OF INVERELL EAST S12.22.1/14**MOTION**

Moved: Cr Anthony Michael

Seconded: Cr Paul Harmon

That the Committee recommend to Council that Council donate \$200 to the East Rotary Club of Inverell to assist with expenses associated with running Inverell's Got Talent.

AMENDMENT

Moved: Cr Kate Dight

Seconded: Cr Paul King OAM

That the Committee recommend to Council that Council donate an amount equivalent to the cost of Town Hall hire to the East Rotary Club of Inverell for the 2021 Inverell's Got Talent event.

FORESHADOW AMENDMENT

Moved: Cr Paul Harmon

Seconded: Cr Kate Dight

That the Committee recommend to Council that Council donate an amount equivalent to 50% of the cost of Town Hall hire to the East Rotary Club of Inverell for the 2021 Inverell's Got Talent event.

The Amendment on being put to the meeting was lost. The Foreshadow Amendment became the Amendment. The Amendment on being put to the meeting was carried.

The Amendment became the motion. The motion on being put to the meeting was carried.

CARRIED

5.5 REQUEST FOR REDUCTION ON WATER ACCOUNT - OLD BUNDARRA ROAD, INVERELL S32.10.1/14**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Anthony Michael

Seconded: Cr Kate Dight

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

5.6 REQUEST FOR REDUCTION ON WATER ACCOUNT - GREAVES STREET, INVERELL S32.10.1/14**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Anthony Michael

Seconded: Cr Kate Dight

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

5.7 REQUEST FOR REDUCTION ON WATER ACCOUNT - OLIVER STREET, INVERELL S32.10.1/14**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Anthony Michael

Seconded: Cr Kate Dight

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- 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

5.8 REQUEST FOR REDUCTION IN WATER ACCOUNT - MULLIGAN STREET, INVERELL S32.10.1/14**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Anthony Michael

Seconded: Cr Kate Dight

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- 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**5.9 SALE OF LAND FOR UNPAID RATES AUCTION - OPTION TO PURCHASE LAND S12.8.9/05****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Anthony Michael

Seconded: Cr Kate Dight

That the matter be referred to Closed Committee 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.*

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CARRIED**5.10 SESQUICENTENARY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT IN INVERELL S3.16.18****RECOMMENDATION:****MOTION**

Moved: Cr Paul Harmon

Seconded: Cr Paul King OAM

That the Committee recommend to Council that Council refer this request to the Sapphire City Festival Committee for consideration.

6 GOVERNANCE REPORTS**6.1 AASB 124 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS S12.2.2****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Kate Dight

Seconded: Cr Paul Harmon

That the Committee recommend to Council that:

- a) The report be received and noted; and*
- b) In accordance with AASB 124, Key Management Personnel (KMP) complete section 1 and 2 of Council's KMP – Related Party Transactions Questionnaire and return completed forms to Council by 23 June, 2021.*

CARRIED**6.2 GOVERNANCE - MONTHLY INVESTMENT REPORT S12.12.2****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Kate Dight

Seconded: Cr Paul King OAM

That 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 11.15am, 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 Anthony Michael

Seconded: Cr Paul Harmon

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 Anthony Michael

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

CARRIED

Upon resuming Open Committee at 11.20am, 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 SALE OF LAND FOR UNPAID RATES AUCTION - OPTION TO PURCHASE LAND S12.8.9/05**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Committee recommend to Council that the General Manager be authorised to make bids on the properties identified to the maximum bid value as identified in the body of the report.

7.2 REQUEST FOR REDUCTION ON WATER ACCOUNT - OLD BUNDARRA ROAD, INVERELL S32.10.1/14**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Committee recommend to Council that:

- i) The report be received; and*
- ii) Council issue an amended account of \$249.15 for the previous quarter based on the average consumption of accounts prior to the leak and write off \$807.45.*

7.3 REQUEST FOR REDUCITON ON WATER ACCOUNT - GREAVES STREET, INVERELL S32.10.1/14**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Committee recommend to Council that:

- i) the report be received; and*
- ii) Council issue an amended account of \$78.38 for the previous quarter based on the average consumption of accounts prior to the leak and write off \$1783.24.*

7.4 REQUEST FOR REDUCTION ON WATER ACCOUNT - OLIVER STREET, INVERELL S32.10.1/14**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Committee recommend to Council that:

- i) the report be received; and*
- ii) Council issue an amended account of \$1.65 for the previous 2 quarters based on the average consumption of accounts prior to the leak and write off \$1362.90.*

7.5 REQUEST FOR REDUCTION IN WATER ACCOUNT - MULLIGAN STREET, INVERELL S32.10.1/14**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Committee recommend to Council that:

- i) The report be received; and*
- ii) Council not accede to providing assistance in this matter.*

ADOPTION OF RECOMMENDATIONS

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Paul King OAM

Seconded: Cr Kate Dight

That the recommendations of Closed Committee be adopted.

CARRIED

The Meeting closed at 11.25am.

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

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CHAIRPERSON