

**MINUTES OF INVERELL SHIRE COUNCIL
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, ADMINISTRATIVE CENTRE, 144 OTHO STREET,
INVERELL
ON WEDNESDAY, 25 AUGUST 2021 AT 3.00PM**

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

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

1 APOLOGIES

Nil

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLUTION 2021/78

Moved: Cr Jacki Watts

Seconded: Cr Anthony Michael

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 28 July, 2021, 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

Nil

4 PUBLIC FORUM

Nil

5 NOTICES OF BUSINESS

Nil

6 QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

Nil

7 ADVOCACY REPORTS

Nil

8 COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nil

9 DESTINATION REPORTS**9.1 REQUEST TO LICENCE LAND - PART LOT 3 DP 738104 - INVERELL CEMETERY, ASHFORD ROAD, INVERELL S5.10.83****RESOLUTION 2021/79**

Moved: Cr Stewart Berryman

Seconded: Cr Paul King OAM

That:

- i) Council enter into a Licence Agreement with Mr Harley Johnson for Part Lot 3 DP 738104, Inverell Cemetery, Ashford Road, Inverell for a three (3) year period;*
- ii) the Licence fee be \$800.00 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**9.2 REQUEST TO LICENCE LAND - PART LOT 2 DP 1135514 DELVYN DRIVE, INVERELL S5.10.119****RESOLUTION 2021/80**

Moved: Cr Jacki Watts

Seconded: Cr Stewart Berryman

That:

- i) Council enter into an agreement with Holy Trinity School for Part Lot 2 DP 1135514, Delvyn Drive, Inverell for a five (5) year period with a further five (5) year option;*
- ii) the Licence fee be \$850 per annum (GST Inclusive) with a 5% increase per annum; and*
- iii) the Licence Agreement be subject to any other terms as negotiated by Council's General Manager.*

CARRIED**9.3 EXPRESSION OF INTEREST IN THE FUNCTION CENTRE AT THE INVERELL TOURIST CENTRE COMPLEX S5.10.93****RESOLUTION 2021/81**

Moved: Cr Anthony Michael

Seconded: Cr Di Baker

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

9.4 HIGHER MASS LIMIT ASSESSMENT - LOCAL ROADS INCLUDING TINGHA S15.8.48

RESOLUTION 2021/82

Moved: Cr Stewart Berryman

Seconded: Cr Di Baker

That Council approve the entire length of local roads including the Tingha roads within the Inverell Shire for Higher Mass Limit vehicle access and that these routes be included in the Service NSW HML maps.

CARRIED

9.5 REVISED ELECTION TIMETABLE AND MEETING SCHEDULE S13.7.4/04

RESOLUTION 2021/83

Moved: Cr Di Baker

Seconded: Cr Paul King OAM

That:

- 1. the information be noted; and*
- 2. the proposed meeting schedule for the period September 2021 – January 2022 be endorsed.*

CARRIED

9.6 SESQUICENTENNIAL PROJECT S16.7.8/04

MOTION

Moved: Cr Mal Peters

Seconded: Cr Di Baker

That Council adopt the concept of a town garden and Council staff report back on a suitable location and advise on the ongoing costs to maintain the garden.

The Motion on being put to the meeting was lost.

10 INFORMATION REPORTS

RESOLUTION 2021/84

Moved: Cr Anthony Michael

Seconded: Cr Di Baker

That the following information reports be received and noted.

CARRIED

10.1 STRATEGIC TASKS - 'SIGN OFF' - AUGUST 2021 S4.13.2

10.2 LIBRARY STATISTICAL OVERVIEW 2020/21 S3.6.17

10.3 WORKS UPDATE S28.21.1/14

10.4 NEW DIGITAL LIBRARY SERVICES S3.6.1

10.5 ANNUAL HERITAGE ADVISORY SERVICE UPDATE S18.8.3

10.6 SEPTIC TANK APPROVALS FOR JULY 2021 S29.19.1

10.7 SUMMARY OF DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS, CONSTRUCTION CERTIFICATES AND COMPLYING DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATES DURING JULY 2021 S18.10.2/14

10.8 ORDINANCE ACTIVITIES REPORT FOR JULY 2021 S18.10.1

10.9 REGIONAL AIRPORTS PROGRAM S15.8.117

11 GOVERNANCE REPORTS

11.1 GOVERNANCE - PERFORMANCE REPORTING ON ROAD MAINTENANCE COUNCIL CONTRACTS S1.2.3/14

RESOLUTION 2021/85

Moved: Cr Anthony Michael

Seconded: Cr Kate Dight

That the information be received and noted.

CARRIED

11.2 GOVERNANCE - MONTHLY INVESTMENT REPORT S12.12.2**RESOLUTION 2021/86**

Moved: Cr Jacki Watts

Seconded: Cr Kate Dight

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

At 3.30pm, 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.

RESOLUTION 2021/87

Moved: Cr Jacki Watts

Seconded: Cr Di Baker

That Council proceeds into Closed Council to discuss the matters referred to it, for the reasons stated in the motions of referral.

CARRIED**RESOLUTION 2021/88**

Moved: Cr Paul King OAM

Seconded: Cr Jacki Watts

That Council proceeds out of Closed Council into Open Council.

CARRIED

Upon resuming Open Council at 4pm, the Chairperson verbally reported that the Council had met in Closed Council, with the Press and Public excluded, and had resolved to recommend to Council the following:

12.1 EXPRESSION OF INTEREST IN THE FUNCTION CENTRE AT THE INVERELL TOURIST CENTRE COMPLEX S5.10.93**RESOLUTION 2021/89**

Moved: Cr Paul King OAM

Seconded: Cr Jacki Watts

That Council:

- 1. enter into a 2 year lease agreement with a 3 year option exercisable by Council after a 2 year review with Joblink Plus for the tenancy of the Riverside Function Centre with the general terms being in accordance with the Expression of Interest document;*

2. *the General Manager be authorised to negotiate additional terms of the lease agreement; and*
3. *the General Manager be authorised to execute the lease agreement.*

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF RECOMMENDATIONS

RESOLUTION 2021/90

Moved: Cr Jacki Watts

Seconded: Cr Paul King OAM

*That the recommendations of Closed Council be adopted.***CARRIED**

13 URGENT BUSINESS

The Mayor referenced clause 9.3 of Council's Meeting Code and advised that he had ruled that a motion on the conduct of vaccination clinics in Inverell was a matter of urgency and a decision was required prior to next month's Council meeting.

RESOLUTION 2021/91

Moved: Cr Anthony Michael

Seconded: Cr Paul Harmon

*That Council allow Cr Anthony Michael to move a motion to support UNE COVID vaccination clinics under clause 9.3 of Council's Model Code of Meeting Practice as a matter of great urgency as the next vaccination clinic is scheduled to be held before the next ordinary meeting of Council.***CARRIED**

Cr Michael stated:

- a) The clinic held on Friday, 20 August provided the community with an opportunity to be vaccinated, a further two clinics will be held – one before the next Council meeting,
- b) The lockdown is hurting local business and impacting people's mental resilience,
- c) If Council can support the effort to achieve an 80% vaccination rate then the pathway away from lockdown will be both an economic and social boost to the community, and
- d) The lifting of border restrictions by QLD will most likely be linked to significant rates of vaccinations in the border region (vicinity of 80% of eligible population).

RESOLUTION 2021/92

Moved: Cr Anthony Michael

Seconded: Cr Kate Dight

That:

1. *Council note the intention of the UNE to run two more COVID vaccination clinics in Inverell;*
2. *Council support vaccination and assist the UNE in the promotion and set up of these COVID vaccination clinics; and*
3. *Council lobby the Federal Government to establish mobile COVID vaccination clinics to visit*

small rural communities.

CARRIED

The Meeting closed at 4.10pm

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 22 September 2021.

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CHAIRPERSON