

**MINUTES OF INVERELL SHIRE COUNCIL  
ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD AT THE COMMITTEE ROOM, ADMINISTRATIVE CENTRE, 144 OTHO STREET,  
INVERELL  
ON WEDNESDAY, 8 FEBRUARY 2023 AT 11.40 AM**

**PRESENT:** Cr Paul King OAM (Chair), Cr Paul Harmon (Mayor), Cr Nicky Lavender and Cr Jo Williams.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Cr Stewart Berryman, Cr Di Baker, Cr Jacko Ross and Cr Wendy Wilks.  
Brett McInnes (Acting General Manager) and Paul Pay (Director Corporate and Economic Services).

**1 APOLOGIES**

**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Paul Harmon  
Seconded: Cr Jo Williams

*That the apology received from Cr Kate Dight for personal reasons be accepted and leave of absence granted.*

**CARRIED**

**2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Nicky Lavender  
Seconded: Cr Jo Williams

*That the Minutes of the Economic and Community Sustainability Committee Meeting held on 9 November, 2022, 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 EXPIRING LICENCE AGREEMENT - INVERELL COMMUNITY GARDENS S5.10.126**

**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Paul Harmon  
Seconded: Cr Jo Williams

*The Committee recommends to Council that:*

- i. Council renew the agreement with Inverell Community Gardens for Reserve 1571, Lot 3 DP 127538 (140 Ross Street), Inverell;*
- ii. The licence agreement be for a five (5) year period with a five (5) year option;*
- iii. The Licence fee be \$521.91 per annum (GST Inclusive) with a 3% increase per annum;*
- iv. The Licence Agreement be subject to any other terms and conditions as negotiated by Council's General Manager; and*
- v. Inverell Community Gardens be responsible for any electricity, water, sewer, waste management and stormwater charges and any metered water use.*

**CARRIED**

#### **4.2 FEDERAL FUNDING FOR TROVE S3.6.1/17**

##### **COMMITTEE RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Jo Williams

Seconded: Cr Paul Harmon

*The Committee recommends to Council that:*

- 1. Council make representation to the local Federal Member, the Hon. Barnaby Joyce, in relation to the need for a sustainable Federal Funding Model for the continuation of free access to the Trove national database and upgrade of the digital archive systems of Trove.*
- 2. Council write to the Hon. Tony Burke, Federal Minister for the Arts and the Hon. Paul Fletcher, Shadow Minister for Science and the Arts, calling for sustainable funding to ensure the continuation of free access to the Trove national database and upgrade of the digital archive systems of Trove.*
- 3. Council endorse the actions of the NSW Public Libraries Association in lobbying for additional sustainable funds for the continuation of free access to the Trove national database and upgrade of the digital archive systems of Trove.*

**CARRIED**

#### **4.3 CONDUCT OF 2024 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS S13.7.4**

##### **COMMITTEE RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Paul Harmon

Seconded: Cr Nicky Lavender

*The Committee recommends to Council that:*

- i. Pursuant to s. 296(2) and (3) of the Local Government Act 1993 (NSW) ("the Act") that an election arrangement be entered into by contract for the Electoral Commissioner to administer all elections of the Council.*
- ii. Pursuant to s. 296(2) and (3) of the Act, as applied and modified by s. 18, that a council poll arrangement be entered into by contract for the Electoral Commissioner to administer all council polls of the Council.*

- iii. Pursuant to s. 296(2) and (3) of the Act, as applied and modified by s. 18, that a constitutional referendum arrangement be entered into by contract for the Electoral Commissioner to administer all constitutional referenda of the Council.

**CARRIED**

## **5 INFORMATION REPORTS**

### **COMMITTEE RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Nicky Lavender  
Seconded: Cr Paul Harmon

*That the following information reports be received and noted.*

**CARRIED**

### **5.1 CROWN LAND - DRAFT PLAN OF MANAGEMENT - PUBLIC HALLS S5.19.4/01**

### **5.2 LOCAL ROADS COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM (LRCI) S15.8.106**

## **6 GOVERNANCE REPORTS**

### **6.1 GOVERNANCE - MONTHLY INVESTMENT REPORT S12.12.2**

### **COMMITTEE RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Paul Harmon  
Seconded: Cr Jo Williams

*The Committee recommends 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**

### **6.2 QUARTERLY BUDGET AND OPERATIONAL PLAN 2022/2023 S12.5.1**

### **COMMITTEE RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Nicky Lavender  
Seconded: Cr Paul Harmon

*The Committee recommends to Council that:*

- i) *Council's Quarterly Operational Plan and Budget Review for 31st December, 2022 be adopted; and*
- ii) *The proposed variations to budget votes for the 2022/2023 Financial Year be adopted providing an estimated Cash Surplus at 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2022 from operations of \$3,603.*

**CARRIED**

**The Meeting closed at 12.01 pm.**

**The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Economic and Community Sustainability Committee held on 8 March 2023.**

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**CHAIRPERSON**