

**MINUTES OF INVERELL SHIRE COUNCIL
JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, ADMINISTRATIVE CENTRE, 144 OTHO STREET,
INVERELL
ON WEDNESDAY, 12 APRIL 2023 AT 10.12 AM**

PRESENT: Cr Paul Harmon (Mayor) – Chair, Cr Stewart Berryman, Cr Di Baker, Cr Kate Dight, Cr Paul King OAM, Cr Nicky Lavender, Cr Jacko Ross, Cr Wendy Wilks and Cr Jo Williams.

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

1 APOLOGIES

Nil

2 DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS/PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Nil

3 DESTINATION REPORTS

3.1 COUNCIL PORTFOLIO HOLDERS S13.6.7

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Committee recommend to Council that:

- i. An optional portfolio system to be implemented for the current term of Council; and*
- ii. Councillors be invited to nominate portfolio areas at the April Council Meeting.*

3.2 HEALTH ISSUES S24.20.5

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Di Baker

Seconded: Cr Stewart Berryman

That the Committee recommend to Council that:

- i. Council establish a 'Health and Wellbeing Taskforce' to prepare advice to Council on any matters effecting the provision of Health Services in the Shire and any relevant 'social determinant of health' issues;*
- ii. The Terms of Reference for the Taskforce be adopted;*
- iii. The Taskforce shall comprise of two (2) Councillors as appointed by Council;*
- iv. Cr Wilks will initiate a community health forum and Council will provide facilities to host the forum.*

CARRIED**3.3 HEALTH & WELLBEING TASKFORCE****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Jacko Ross

Seconded: Cr Paul King OAM

That the Committee recommend to Council that Cr Kate Dight and Cr Jo Williams be appointed to the 'Health and Wellbeing Taskforce'.

CARRIED**3.4 DUMARESQ SOLAR FARM**

The General Manager reported that a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) detailing the establishment of a Community Benefit Fund by Dumaresq Solar Farm p/l had been prepared to reflect the discussions between Council and the Company's representative. The company sought only one change to provide for quarterly payment of the annual contribution.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Stewart Berryman

Seconded: Cr Di Baker

That the Committee recommend to Council that the Memorandum of Understanding for the Establishment of a Community Benefit Fund from Dumaresq Solar Farm be accepted and the General Manager be authorised to sign all relevant documents.

CARRIED**3.5 OLIVER STREET LAND PROPOSAL**

The General Manager reported that a request for Council to grant an option over the eight (8) parcels of land owned by council in Oliver street was received from New England Properties. The Company requested that the option be for a twelve-month period. The purpose would be to permit the Company to prepare a proposal for council's consideration. A sum of \$10k was offered.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Jacko Ross

Seconded: Cr Paul King OAM

That the Committee recommend to Council that:

- i. Council grant an exclusive option to New England Properties P/L for a period of twelve (12) months to facilitate the preparation of a proposal for Council's consideration.*
- ii. The option will require a \$10k non-refundable fee paid by new England Properties.*
- iii. The option is exercisable over Lot 1 DP 89422, Lot 10 DP 1123153, Lot 9 DP 1089168, Lot B DP 154797, Lot A DP 154797, Lot 8 DP 1110038, Lot 1 DP 1038122, Lot 2 DP 1038122; and*

- iv. *Council does not give any warranty or undertaking in respect of the proposal that New England Properties P/L may develop during the option.*

CARRIED

3.6 ANGEL AVENUE - SOCIAL HOUSING

The General Manager informed Council of the renewed interest by Homes North to construct a number of social housing units in Inverell. Councillors were requested to consider renewing the offer to provide land to the organisation for the purpose of constructing public housing.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Nicky Lavender

Seconded: Cr Jo Williams

- A. *That the Committee recommend to Council that it support Homes North with a proposed development of community housing in Angel Avenue by making available a portion of Lot 2 DP 1169924 including all civil services at no cost.*
- B. *That Council's contribution to this project be acknowledged at appropriate times and in a manner approved by the General Manager.*

CARRIED

The Meeting closed at 11.45am

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Joint Committee held on .

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CHAIRPERSON