

**MINUTES OF INVERELL SHIRE COUNCIL
CIVIL AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE COMMITTEE ROOM, ADMINISTRATIVE CENTRE, 144 OTHO STREET,
INVERELL
ON WEDNESDAY, 12 JULY 2023 AT 9.00AM**

PRESENT: Cr Stewart Berryman (Chair), Cr Paul Harmon (Mayor), Cr Di Baker, Cr Jacko Ross and Cr Wendy Wilks.

IN ATTENDANCE: Cr Kate Dight and Cr Jo Williams.

Paul Henry (General Manager), Brett McInnes (Director Civil & Environmental Services), Paul Pay (Director Corporate and Economic Services), Justin Pay (Manager Civil Engineering) and Anthony Alliston (Manager Development Services).

1 APOLOGIES

Nil

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Di Baker

Seconded: Cr Jacko Ross

That the Minutes of the Civil and Environmental Services Committee Meeting held on 14 June, 2023, 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

Cr Dight declared a non-pecuniary (significant) interest in Item #5.1 'Holdfast Crossing – Fish Passage Project'. The nature of the interest is that Cr Dight has a family connection to a land owner adjacent to Holdfast Crossing.

4 PUBLIC FORUM

Mr Alex Wrobel – President Inverell Polocrosse

Mr Wrobel thanked Council for the assistance in preparing the sand fields at the beginning of this year. Mr Wrobel also thanked Council for carting water to support this year's Swan Cup.

Mr Wrobel provided a summary on the second Swan Cup held March 2023. A total of 280 players competed across four days. However, due to wet weather impacting on safety conditions the event was called off after two days. The Committee chose to refund all nomination fees to competitors.

The Delungra CWA ran the canteen, Fruitilicious supplied a coffee van and Baker's Barn, an event sponsor, held a 20% off sale.

There were 34 horses entered into the horse sale (8 more than last year). 24 were sold, grossing over \$308,000 with the top priced horse selling for \$33,000.

Preparations are already underway for the 2024 Swan Cup. Dates are not yet determined but the Committee are looking to hold the event in May to escape the heat in March and reduce the possibility of wet weather.

The Polocrosse Club conducted a survey of those who participated in the event and the survey results were presented to Council.

Based on their feedback Mr Wrobel asked Council for more sand to upgrade the fields and create all weather playing surfaces. Ideally, they would like this to happen prior to weather warming up this year to enable time to work the fields and plant seed and allow for quality growing time. Mr Wrobel acknowledged that this is a large expense, however based on feedback from those who attended and from club members, they believe that it is vital for the ongoing success of the event.

MOTION

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Wendy Wilks

Seconded: Cr Jacko Ross

That staff report back to Council on:

- I. the cost of supplying sand for field preparation and water for the 2023 Swan Cup; and*
- II. Cost estimates to supply more sand to create all weather playing fields.*

CARRIED

5 DESTINATION REPORTS

At 9.22 am, Cr Kate Dight left the meeting having previously declared a non-pecuniary (significant) interest in Item #5.1 'Holdfast Crossing – Fish Passage Project'. The nature of the interest is that Cr Dight has a family connection to a land owner adjacent to Holdfast Crossing.

5.1 HOLDFAST CROSSING - FISH PASSAGE PROJECT S28.10.SR17

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Di Baker

Seconded: Cr Wendy Wilks

That the Committee recommend to Council that:

- 1) The information be received and noted;*
- 2) The proposal be supported in principle;*
- 3) Council undertake community consultation to determine if there are any likely significant impacts on the community; and*
- 4) A further report be presented to the Committee on the outcomes of the community consultation so that Council can make a final determination on the request.*

CARRIED

At 9.35 am, Cr Kate Dight returned to the meeting.

5.2 WALKERS BRIDGE REPLACEMENT S28.7.18/78**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Jacko Ross

Seconded: Cr Wendy Wilks

That the Committee recommend to Council that;

1. *The alternative bridge replacement solution of a large box culvert structure be endorsed for consultation;*
2. *Council undertake community consultation to determine the level of community support for this option; and*
3. *A further report be presented to the Committee on the outcomes of the community consultation so that Council can make a final determination on the project.*

CARRIED

5.3 EXPRESSION OF INTEREST PROCESS - VERNON STREET RESIDENTIAL PARCEL S18.6.51**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Di Baker

Seconded: Cr Wendy Wilks

The Committee recommend to Council that:

1. *The process as identified in the report for offering Council's Vernon Street land parcel for residential development via Expressions of Interest be endorsed; and*
2. *Upon completion, the Expressions of Interest package be approved by Council prior to going to the market.*

CARRIED

5.4 COMMUNITY GARDEN - TINGHA S2.18.5**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Paul Harmon

Seconded: Cr Wendy Wilks

The Committee recommends to Council that:

- a) *the concept plan for a Community Garden submitted by the Tingha Community Spirit Aboriginal Corporation be noted;*
- b) *the proposed location of the road reserve adjacent to Guyra Road / Copes Creek Road be approved as the site for the community garden; and*
- c) *Council assist the Corporation and volunteers during the construction phase by preparing a traffic management plan for the site and installing the required warning signage.*

CARRIED

6 INFORMATION REPORTS**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Jacko Ross

Seconded: Cr Paul Harmon

*That the following information reports be received and noted.***CARRIED****6.1 WORKS UPDATE S28.21.1/16****6.2 COMPANION ANIMAL IMPOUNDING FACILITY UPDATE S5.9.33****6.3 LAKE INVERELL RESERVE UPDATE S15.8.115****6.4 REQUIREMENT TO ISSUE NOTICE OF DETERMINATIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS THROUGH THE NSW PLANNING PORTAL S18.6.60****7 GOVERNANCE REPORTS****7.1 GOVERNANCE - PERFORMANCE REPORTING ON ROAD MAINTENANCE COUNCIL CONTRACTS S1.2.3/16****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Di Baker

Seconded: Cr Wendy Wilks

*That the information be received and noted.***CARRIED****The Meeting closed at 10.20 am.****The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Civil and Environmental Services Committee held on 9 August 2023.**.....
CHAIRPERSON