

**MINUTES OF INVERELL SHIRE COUNCIL
ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE COMMITTEE ROOM, ADMINISTRATIVE CENTRE, 144 OTHO STREET,
INVERELL
ON WEDNESDAY, 14 FEBRUARY 2024 AT 11.25AM**

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Brett McInnes (General Manager), Paul Pay (Director Corporate and Community Services) and Sharon Stafford (Governance and Executive Services Coordinator).

1 APOLOGIES

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Paul Harmon
Seconded: Cr Kate Dight

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

CARRIED

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Kate Dight
Seconded: Cr Jo Williams

That the Minutes of the Economic and Community Sustainability Committee Meeting held on 8 November, 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 Wilks declared a non-pecuniary interest of an insignificant nature in relation to Item #4.4 'Request for Donation - Waive of Town Hall Hire Fees and Cost of DJ - Inverell Chamber of Commerce S12.22.1/17'. The nature of the interest is Cr Wilks is related to the Inverell Chamber of Commerce representative who presented to the Committee during the Public Forum at the Civil and Environmental Services Committee meeting.

4 DESTINATION REPORTS

4.1 EXPIRED LICENCE AGREEMENT - MR ROBIN PONTON S5.10.13

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Paul Harmon

Seconded: Cr Kate Dight

That the Committee recommends to Council that:

- i) Council renew the agreement with Mr Ponton for Part Lots 4, 5 & 6, DP1101540 Lake Inverell Reserve, Rifle Range Road*
- ii) the licence agreement be for a further three (3) year term with a three (3) option under the same terms and conditions*
- iii) the licence agreement fee be \$842.86 including GST 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.*

CARRIED

4.2 EXPIRED LICENCE AGREEMENT - PA AND RL TICEHURST S5.10.68

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Paul Harmon

Seconded: Cr Jo Williams

That the Committee recommends to Council that:

- i) Council renew the agreement with PA and RL Ticehurst for Part Public Road on Southern Boundary of Part Lot 99 DP 750079*
- ii) the licence agreement be for a five (5) year period with a five (5) year option*
- iii) the licence fee be \$231.41 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.*

CARRIED

4.3 REQUEST FOR DONATION - WAIVE OF HIRE FEE FOR LAKE INVERELL OFF-ROAD RECREATION CIRCUIT - INVERELL MOTHER'S DAY CLASSIC 2024 COMMITTEE S12.22.1/17

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Paul Harmon

Seconded: Cr Kate Dight

That the Committee recommends to Council that the \$100 hire fee for the exclusive use of the Lake Inverell Off-Road Recreation Circuit be waived for the 2024 Inverell Mother's Day Classic.

CARRIED

4.4 REQUEST FOR DONATION - WAIVE OF TOWN HALL HIRE FEES AND COST OF DJ - INVERELL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE S12.22.1/17

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Jo Williams

Seconded: Cr Paul Harmon

That the Committee recommends to Council that the \$770 hire fee for the Inverell Town Hall be waived for the Inverell Chamber of Commerce event being held on Saturday 9 March, 2024.

CARRIED

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Kate Dight

Seconded: Cr Paul Harmon

That the Committee recommends to Council that the Inverell Chamber of Commerce be formerly congratulated on the 'SHE' initiative.

CARRIED

4.5 BANK CLOSURES IN REGIONAL AUSTRALIA S14.5.1

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Kate Dight

Seconded: Cr Paul Harmon

That the Committee recommends to Council that Council make a submission to the Inquiry as outlined in the report.

CARRIED

4.6 REFERRAL OF CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS S4.11.17/16

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Paul Harmon

Seconded: Cr Kate Dight

That the Committee refer the items to Closed (Public excluded) meeting of the Committee and that the press and members of the public be asked to leave the chambers whilst the Committee considers the following items:

Item: 7.1 2024 Rale Rasic Joey's Mini World Cup Sponsorship Proposal

Authority: Section 10A (2) (c) Information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business

CARRIED

5 INFORMATION REPORTS

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Kate Dight

Seconded: Cr Jo Williams

That the following information reports be received and noted.

CARRIED

5.1 VETERAN CAR CLUB OF AUSTRALIA VISIT TO INVERELL S26.3.6

5.2 RESPONSE FROM ADAM MARSHALL - BIPARTISAN SUPPORT - PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY INTO CRIME, LAW AND ORDER IN REGIONAL NSW S14.11.1/17

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Kate Dight

Seconded: Cr Jo Williams

That the following information report be received and noted.

CARRIED

5.3 SUMMER SPLASH WATERSLIDE EVENT S8.12.3/17

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Kate Dight

Seconded: Cr Jo Williams

That the following information report be received and noted.

CARRIED

5.4 IPART REVIEW OF THE NSW COUNCIL FINANCIAL MODEL S12.2.1/17

6 GOVERNANCE REPORTS

6.1 QUARTERLY BUDGET AND OPERATIONAL PLAN 2023/2024 S12.5.1/16

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Paul Harmon

Seconded: Cr Kate Dight

That the Committee recommends to Council that:

i) *Council's Quarterly Operational Plan and Budget Review for 31 December, 2023 be adopted*

- ii) *The proposed variations to budget votes for the 2023/2024 Financial Year be adopted providing an estimated Cash Surplus at 31 December, 2023 from operations of \$7,834.*

CARRIED

6.2 AUDIT ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE YEAR-ENDING 30 JUNE 2024 AND BEYOND S12.2.1/17

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Paul Harmon

Seconded: Cr Jo Williams

That the Committee recommends to Council that a letter be written to the NSW Audit Office expressing Council's disappointment with respect to the significant increase in audit fees.

CARRIED

6.3 GOVERNANCE - MONTHLY INVESTMENT REPORT S12.12.2

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Kate Dight

Seconded: Cr Jo Williams

That the Committee recommends to Council that:

- i) *the report indicating Council's Fund Management position be received and noted*
- ii) *the Certification of the Responsible Accounting Officer be noted.*

CARRIED

6.4 AUDIT, RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE - TERMS OF REFERENCE S4.11.21/02

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Kate Dight

Seconded: Cr Jo Williams

That the Committee recommends to Council the adoption of the proposed Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Terms of Reference.

CARRIED

7 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS (COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE)

At 12.02pm, 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.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Paul Harmon
Seconded: Cr Kate Dight

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 Kate Dight

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

CARRIED

Upon resuming Open Committee at 12.12pm, 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 2024 RALE RASIC JOEY'S MINI WORLD CUP SPONSORSHIP PROPOSAL
S26.3.21/02****RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Committee recommends to Council that:

- 1. the report be received and noted*
- 2. Council provide sponsorship of the 2024 Joeys Mini World Cup by accepting Option 2 (a full-page advertisement in the Tournament Booklet at a cost of \$500.00) and Option 5 (waiving of hire fees for sporting fields, including line marking and lighting charges at an estimated combined cost of \$10,269).*

CARRIED**ADOPTION OF RECOMMENDATIONS****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Paul Harmon
Seconded: Cr Kate Dight

That the recommendations of Closed Committee be adopted.

CARRIED

The Meeting closed at 12.15pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Economic and Community Sustainability Committee held on 13 March 2024.

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CHAIRPERSON