

**MINUTES OF INVERELL SHIRE COUNCIL
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, ADMINISTRATIVE CENTRE, 144 OTHO STREET,
INVERELL
ON WEDNESDAY, 22 MAY 2024 AT 3.00PM**

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Brett McInnes (General Manager), Paul Pay (Director Corporate and Community Services), Justin Pay (Director Civil Services), Anthony Alliston (Director Environmental Services) and Sharon Stafford (Governance and Executive Services).

1 APOLOGIES

RESOLUTION 2024/54

Moved: Cr Di Baker

Seconded: Cr Paul King OAM

That the apologies received from Cr Kate Dight and Cr Jo Williams for personal reasons be accepted and leave of absence granted.

CARRIED

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLUTION 2024/55

Moved: Cr Di Baker

Seconded: Cr Stewart Berryman

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 24 April 2024, as circulated to members, be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting.

CARRIED

3 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS / PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY

Cr King declared a non-pecuniary interest of an insignificant nature in relation to Item #10.1 'Crown Land - Plan of Management - Graman Sports Ground S5.19.4/02'. The nature of the interest being Cr King is a member of the Sapphire City Motor Sports Club.

4 PUBLIC FORUM

Nil

5 MAYORAL MINUTE

Nil

6 ADVOCACY REPORTS

6.1 COMMUNITY HEALTH FORUM MEETING MINUTES - APRIL AND MAY 2024 S24.20.5

RESOLUTION 2024/56

Moved: Cr Wendy Wilks

Seconded: Cr Di Baker

That the minutes of the Community Health Forum Meetings held on 10 April and 8 May 2024 be received and noted.

CARRIED

7 NOTICES OF BUSINESS

Nil

8 QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

Nil

9 COMMITTEE REPORTS

9.1 CIVIL AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MINUTES - 8 MAY 2024

RESOLUTION 2024/57

Moved: Cr Stewart Berryman

Seconded: Cr Wendy Wilks

- i. That the Minutes of the Civil and Environmental Services Committee held on Wednesday, 8 May 2024, be received and noted; and*
- ii. The following recommendations of the Civil and Environmental Services Committee be adopted by Council.*

CARRIED

9.1.1 Gravel Resheet Program 2024-2025

RECOMMENDATION:

That:

- i. the 2024-2025 Gravel Resheeting Program as presented be adopted; and*
- ii. upon the adoption of the 2024/25 budget, the program be placed on Council's website for the information of the community.*

9.1.2 Transport for NSW Freight Policy Reform Program

RECOMMENDATION:

That:

- (a) the information be received and noted; and*
- (b) the Director Civil Services be delegated authority to provide a submission on the Freight Policy Reform Program Consultation paper and the Draft Heavy Vehicle Access Policy in accordance with the principles set out in the report.*

9.1.3 Information Reports

RECOMMENDATION

That the information reports be received and noted.

9.2 ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE MINUTES - 8 MAY 2024

RESOLUTION 2024/58

Moved: Cr Paul King OAM

Seconded: Cr Di Baker

- i. That the Minutes of the Economic and Community Sustainability Committee held on Wednesday, 8 May 2024, be received and noted; and*
- ii. The following recommendations of the Economic and Community Sustainability Committee be adopted by Council*

CARRIED

9.2.1 Cessation of Delungra Library Deposit Station

RECOMMENDATION:

That:

- i. an alternate library service is not established in Delungra, due to the lack of demand, and the lack of an adequate location; and*
- ii. should future demand arise, the matter be re-considered, pending the identification of a suitable location.*

9.2.2 Request for Donation - Sunhaven Hostel - Ashford Dementia Awareness Day - 6 June 2024

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council donate \$1,500 to Sunhaven Hostel for the Ashford Dementia Awareness Day being held on 6 June 2024.

9.2.3 Licence for New Airport Hangar - Inverell Aviation

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council defer consideration on this matter to enable further investigation of the proposed site.

9.2.4 Local Government Elections 2024

RECOMMENDATION:

That the information provided regarding the 14 September 2024 Local Government elections be received and noted.

9.2.5 Australian Local Government Women's Association - Request for Support Councillor Dight

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council provide support to Cr Dight consistent with Council's policy.

9.2.6 Management Practices Inverell Hospital and Request for External Independent Inquiry

RECOMMENDATION:

1. *That the response from Dr Michael Holland MP, Parliamentary Secretary for Health in regards to an external independent inquiry into the Management Practices at the Inverell Hospital be received and noted;*
2. *Council continue to advocate at all available levels for improved levels of service at the Inverell Hospital consistent with reasonable community expectation; and*
3. *Council seek to obtain a copy of the 2022 Internal Review into the Inverell Hospital which was mentioned in Dr Holland's response.*

9.2.7 Quarterly Budget and Operational Plan 2023/2024

RECOMMENDATION:

That:

- i) *Council's Quarterly Operational Plan and Budget Review for 31 March 2024 be adopted; and*
- ii) *The proposed variations to budget votes for the 2023/2024 Financial Year be adopted providing an estimated Cash Surplus at 31 March 2024 from operations of \$7,834.*

9.2.8 Request for a Reduction in a Water Usage Account

RECOMMENDATION:

That:

- i. the report be received; and*
- ii. Council issue an amended account for the property known as 17 Greaves Street, Inverell for the total of \$92.92, which is based on the average consumption prior to the leak and write off \$1,076.29.*

9.3 INVERELL & DISTRICT LIQUOR CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES - 23 APRIL 2024

RESOLUTION 2024/59

Moved: Cr Paul King OAM

Seconded: Cr Jacko Ross

That the Minutes of the Inverell & District Liquor Consultative Committee held on Tuesday, 23 April 2024, be received and noted.

CARRIED

10 DESTINATION REPORTS

At 3.06pm, Cr King left the meeting having previously declared a non-pecuniary interest of an insignificant nature in relation to Item #10.1 'Crown Land - Plan of Management - Graman Sports Ground S5.19.4/02'. The nature of the interest being Cr King is a member of the Sapphire City Motor Sports Club.

10.1 CROWN LAND - PLAN OF MANAGEMENT - GRAMAN SPORTS GROUND S5.19.4/02

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council adopt the Plan of Management for Graman Sports Ground.

At 3.09pm, Cr King returned to the meeting.

10.2 2024-2025 BUSH BURSARY PROGRAM S12.22.1/17

RESOLUTION 2024/60

Moved: Cr Wendy Wilks

Seconded: Cr Di Baker

That:

- i. Council participates in the 2024/2025 Bush Bursary Program by sponsoring two (2) students; and*

ii. *Sponsorship be provided depending on the ability of the Community Health Forum to appoint a representative to liaise with the Rural Doctors Network throughout the process of organising the placement and to undertake all responsibilities of Council.*

CARRIED

11 INFORMATION REPORTS

RESOLUTION 2024/61

Moved: Cr Wendy Wilks
 Seconded: Cr Paul King OAM

That the following information report be received and noted.

CARRIED

11.1 INTERMENT SERVICES LEVY - UPDATE S24.6.6/01

RESOLUTION 2024/62

Moved: Cr Di Baker
 Seconded: Cr Jacko Ross

That the following information report be received and noted.

CARRIED

11.2 SUMMARY OF DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS, CONSTRUCTION CERTIFICATES AND COMPLYING DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATES DURING APRIL 2024 S18.10.2/17

RESOLUTION 2024/63

Moved: Cr Di Baker
 Seconded: Cr Wendy Wilks

That the following information report be received and noted.

CARRIED

11.3 STRATEGIC TASKS - 'SIGN OFF' - APRIL 2024 S4.13.2

RESOLUTION 2024/64

Moved: Cr Wendy Wilks
Seconded: Cr Jacko Ross

That the following information report be received and noted.

CARRIED

11.4 ORDINANCE ACTIVITIES REPORT FOR APRIL 2024 S18.10.1

RESOLUTION 2024/65

Moved: Cr Stewart Berryman
Seconded: Cr Jacko Ross

That the following information report be received and noted.

CARRIED

11.5 PCG MEETING - INVERELL AQUATIC CENTRE REPLACEMENT S5.9.27

12 GOVERNANCE REPORTS

Nil

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

Nil

The Meeting closed at 3.16pm.