

**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 MAY 2024 AT 9.42AM**

PRESENT: Cr Paul King OAM (Chair), Cr Kate Dight, Cr Stewart Berryman, Cr Di Baker, Cr Jacko Ross and Cr Wendy Wilks.

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

1 APOLOGIES

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Kate Dight

Seconded: Cr Di Baker

That:

- i. the apology received from Cr Paul Harmon for business reasons be accepted and leave of absence granted; and*
- ii. the apology received from Cr Jo Williams for personal reasons be accepted and leave of absence granted.*

CARRIED

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Kate Dight

Seconded: Cr Di Baker

That the Minutes of the Economic and Community Sustainability Committee Meeting held on 10 April, 2024, 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 CESSATION OF DELUNGRA LIBRARY DEPOSIT STATION S3.6.1/18**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Kate Dight

Seconded: Cr Di Baker

The Committee recommends to Council 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.*

CARRIED

4.2 REQUEST FOR DONATION - SUNHAVEN HOSTEL - ASHFORD DEMENTIA AWARENESS DAY - 6 JUNE 2024 S12.22.1/17**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Kate Dight

Seconded: Cr Di Baker

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

CARRIED

4.3 LICENCE FOR NEW AIRPORT HANGAR - INVERELL AVIATION S5.10.4**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Di Baker

Seconded: Cr Kate Dight

The Committee recommends to Council that Council defer consideration on this matter to enable further investigation of the proposed site.

CARRIED

4.4 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS 2024 S13.7.4/05**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Di Baker

Seconded: Cr Wendy Wilks

The Committee recommends to Council that the information provided regarding the 14 September 2024 Local Government elections be received and noted.

CARRIED

At 9.55am, Cr Dight declared a Pecuniary Interest in Item #4.5 'Australian Local Government Women's Association - Request for Support Councillor Dight S4.3.1'. The nature of the interest is

Cr Dight is an executive member of Australian Local Government Women's Association. Cr Dight left the meeting while this matter was considered.

4.5 AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION - REQUEST FOR SUPPORT COUNCILLOR DIGHT S4.3.1

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Di Baker

Seconded: Cr Wendy Wilks

The Committee recommends to Council that Council provide support to Cr Dight consistent with Council's policy.

CARRIED

At 10.01am, Cr Dight returned to the meeting.

4.6 MANAGEMENT PRACTICES INVERELL HOSPITAL AND REQUEST FOR EXTERNAL INDEPENDENT INQUIRY S24.20.5

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Stewart Berryman

Seconded: Cr Kate Dight

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.*

CARRIED

4.7 REFERRAL OF CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS S4.11.17/16

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Kate Dight

Seconded: Cr Jacko Ross

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: *Request for a Reduction in a Water Usage Account.*

Authority: *Section 10A (2) (b) discussion in relation to the personal hardship of a resident or ratepayer Local Government Act 1993).*

CARRIED

5 GOVERNANCE REPORTS

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

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Di Baker

Seconded: Cr Jacko Ross

The Committee recommends to Council 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.*

CARRIED

5.2 GOVERNANCE - MONTHLY INVESTMENT REPORT S12.12.2

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Kate Dight

Seconded: Cr Wendy Wilks

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 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS (COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE)

At 10.15am, the Chairperson noted that no members of the public or press were in attendance at the meeting therefore the Committee proceeded to consider the motion to close the meeting to the press and public.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Kate Dight

Seconded: Cr Di Baker

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 Di Baker
Seconded: Cr Jacko Ross

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

CARRIED

Upon resuming Open Committee at 10.18am, 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:

6.1 REQUEST FOR A REDUCTION IN A WATER USAGE ACCOUNT S32.10.6**RECOMMENDATION:**

The Committee recommends to the Council 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.*

ADOPTION OF RECOMMENDATIONS**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Di Baker
Seconded: Cr Kate Dight

That the recommendations of Closed Committee be adopted.

CARRIED

The Meeting closed at 10.20am.