

**MINUTES OF INVERELL SHIRE COUNCIL
ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE COMMITTEE ROOM, ADMINISTRATIVE CENTRE, 144 OTHO STREET,
INVERELL
ON WEDNESDAY, 12 JUNE 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), Anthony Alliston (Director Environmental Services), Justin Pay (Director Civil Services) and Sharon Stafford (Governance and Executive Services Coordinator).

1 APOLOGIES

Nil

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 May 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 REQUEST TO LICENCE LAND - LOTS 290, 291 AND 292 DP 753287 (RESERVE 80153) ADJACENT TO ROSS AND CLIVE STREETS, INVERELL S5.4.8

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Kate Dight

Seconded: Cr Jo Williams

The Committee recommends to Council that:

- i) Council enter into a Licence Agreement with Mr Ridge Wilson for Lots 290, 291 and 292 DP 753287, (Reserve 80153) adjacent to Ross and Clive Streets, Inverell for a three (3) year period with a further one (1) year option;*
- ii) the Licence fee be \$595.00 per annum (GST Inclusive) with a 3% increase per annum; and*

iii) *the Licence Agreement be subject to any other terms and conditions as negotiated by Council's General Manager.*

CARRIED

4.2 2024/2025 EMERGENCY SERVICES LEVY S12.13.1

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Paul Harmon

Seconded: Cr Jo Williams

That the Committee recommends to Council the information regarding the 2024/25 Emergency Services Levy be noted and potential savings be further considered as part of the first quarterly budget review process.

CARRIED

4.3 POLICY FRAMEWORK AND FORMULATION S4.14.1/01

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Paul Harmon

Seconded: Cr Jo Williams

The Committee recommend to Council that:

- 1. The current Policy Formulation and Policy Development and Implementation Policies as contained in Attachment 1 be rescinded; and*
- 2. The proposed Policy Framework and Formulation Policy as contained in Attachment 2 be adopted.*

CARRIED

4.4 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 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 INFORMATION REPORTS

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Jo Williams
Seconded: Cr Kate Dight

That the following information report be received and noted.

CARRIED

5.1 SUBMISSION TO THE INQUIRY INTO LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUSTAINABILITY S14.18.6/17

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Kate Dight
Seconded: Cr Jo Williams

That the following information report be received and noted.

CARRIED

5.2 SUBMISSION INTO THE ABILITY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT TO FUND INFRASTRUCTURE AND SERVICES S14.18.6/17

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Paul Harmon
Seconded: Cr Kate Dight

That the following information report be received and noted.

CARRIED

5.3 COMMUNITY SAFETY IN REGIONAL AND RURAL COMMUNITIES - CRIME INQUIRY SUBMISSION S14.11.1/17

6 GOVERNANCE REPORTS

6.1 AASB 124 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS S12.2.2

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Kate Dight
Seconded: Cr Paul Harmon

The Committee recommend to Council that:

- a) *The report be received and noted; and*
- b) *In accordance with AASB 124, Key Management Personnel (KMP) complete section 1 and*

2 of Council's KMP – Related Party Transactions Questionnaire and return completed forms to Council by 28 June 2024.

CARRIED

6.2 LOCAL GOVERNMENT REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL DETERMINATION S13.6.4/16

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Kate Dight

Seconded: Cr Jo Williams

That the Committee recommend that Council fix the annual fee to be paid to Councillors at the maximum allowed for the Rural Large Council Category as determined by the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal; that being an annual fee paid to Councillors of \$18,340 with the Mayor receiving an additional annual fee of \$39,350 for the financial year commencing 1 July 2024.

CARRIED

6.3 GOVERNANCE - MONTHLY INVESTMENT REPORT S12.12.2

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Kate Dight

Seconded: Cr Jo Williams

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

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

At 11.40am, 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 Paul Harmon

Seconded: Cr Jo Williams

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 Kate Dight
Seconded: Cr Jo Williams

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

CARRIED

Upon resuming Open Council at 11.42am, the Chairperson verbally reported that the Committee had met in Closed Committee, with the Press and Public excluded, and had resolved to recommend to Committee the following:

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

The Committee recommends to Council that:

- i. The report be received and noted; and*
- ii. Council issue an amended account for the total of \$64.64, which is based on the average consumption prior to the leak and write off \$2,635.02.*

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 11.43am.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Economic and Community Sustainability Committee held on 10 July 2024.