

**MINUTES OF INVERELL SHIRE COUNCIL
ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE COMMITTEE ROOM, ADMINISTRATIVE CENTRE, 144 OTHO STREET,
INVERELL
ON WEDNESDAY, 10 JULY 2024 AT 10.30AM**

PRESENT: Cr Paul King OAM - Chair, Cr Paul Harmon (Mayor), Cr Stewart Berryman, Cr Di Baker, Cr Jacko Ross, 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

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Paul Harmon

Seconded: Cr Jo Williams

That the apology received from Cr Kate Dight for business reasons be accepted and leave of absence granted.

CARRIED

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Jo Williams

Seconded: Cr Paul Harmon

That the Minutes of the Economic and Community Sustainability Committee Meeting held on 12 June 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 FOR SPONSORSHIP - ASHFORD SHOW SOCIETY S12.22.1/17

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Jo Williams

Seconded: Cr Paul Harmon

The Committee recommend to Council that:

- i) Council provide a sponsorship of \$5000 to the Ashford Show Society; and
- ii) The sponsorship be funded from the Ashford village vote.

CARRIED

4.2 LICENCE FOR NEW AIRPORT HANGAR - INVERELL AVIATION S5.10.4

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Paul Harmon

Seconded: Cr Jo Williams

The Committee recommends to Council that:

1. Council make the area in front of Inverell Aviation's demountable buildings available for licence to Mr John Newby, Inverell Aviation for the construction of a new hangar, subject to the lodgement and approval of a Development Application and the applicant meeting all costs associated with the development;
2. The development to include carparking provisions, amenities, onsite effluent system, relocation of power, assess contamination and remediate if required in accordance with any Development Consent condition;
3. Any construction work undertaken 'air side' must be approved by Council and comply with Part 139 (Aerodromes) Manual of Standards 2019 (as amended) (MOS 139) made under Regulation 139.005 of the Civil Aviation Safety Regulations 1998 and section 4 of the Acts Interpretation Act 1901 with the applicant meeting all costs associated with the construction works;
4. The annual licence fee be set at \$500.00 plus \$1.80 per square metre of land utilised per annum including GST per hangar site and the licence fee be subject to annual 3% increases;
5. The licence indicate that the hangars are not to be occupied for residential purpose; and
6. The licence agreement be subject to any terms and conditions as negotiated by Council's General Manager.

CARRIED

4.3 REFERRAL OF CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS S4.11.17/16

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Paul Harmon

Seconded: Cr Jo Williams

That the Committee refer the item 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 item:

Item: #7.1 'Request for a Reduction in a Water Usage Account'

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

CARRIED

5 INFORMATION REPORTS

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Paul Harmon
Seconded: Cr Jo Williams

That the following information reports be received and noted.

CARRIED

5.1 THE DEVINE STUDIOS PHOTOGRAPHIC COLLECTION DONATION S3.6.9

5.2 MELBOURNE INTERNATIONAL COMEDY FESTIVAL ROADSHOW S8.12.3

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Paul Harmon
Seconded: Cr Jo Williams

That the following information report be received and noted.

CARRIED

5.3 ASHFORD DEMENTIA AWARENESS DAY S6.8.9

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Paul Harmon
Seconded: Cr Jo Williams

That the following information report be received and noted.

CARRIED

5.4 ADVANCE PAYMENT OF 2024-2025 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE GRANT S15.8.13/14

6 GOVERNANCE REPORTS

6.1 GOVERNANCE - MONTHLY INVESTMENT REPORT S12.12.2/17

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Jo Williams
Seconded: Cr Paul Harmon

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 11.10am 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 Paul Harmon

Seconded: Cr Jo Williams

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

CARRIED

Upon resuming Open Committee at 11.15am, 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 REQUEST FOR A REDUCTION IN A WATER USAGE ACCOUNT S32.10.1/17

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Committee recommends to Council that the request for a reduction in a water account not be acceded to on the basis of not meeting the relevant criteria contained in Council's 'Water Usage Charges – Undetected Leaks Policy'.

ADOPTION OF RECOMMENDATIONS

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Paul Harmon

Seconded: Cr Jo Williams

That the recommendations of Closed Committee be adopted.

CARRIED

The Meeting closed at 11.17am.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Economic and Community Sustainability Committee held on 14 August 2024.