

**MINUTES OF INVERELL SHIRE COUNCIL
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, ADMINISTRATIVE CENTRE, 144 OTHO STREET,
INVERELL
ON WEDNESDAY, 4 SEPTEMBER 2024 AT 3.00PM**

PRESENT: Cr Paul Harmon (Mayor), Cr Jo Williams, Cr Di Baker, Cr Stewart Berryman, Cr Kate Dight, 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) and Sharon Stafford (Governance and Executive Services Coordinator).

1 APOLOGIES

Nil

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLUTION 2024/131

Moved: Cr Di Baker

Seconded: Cr Jacko Ross

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 14 August, 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 INTERESTS

Nil

4 PUBLIC FORUM

Nil

5 MAYORAL MINUTE

Nil

6 ELECTIONS

Nil

7 ADVOCACY REPORTS

7.1 RETIRING ACKNOWLEDGEMENT LETTER S13.6.1

RESOLUTION 2024/132

Moved: Cr Di Baker

Seconded: Cr Jo Williams

That the report be received and noted.

CARRIED

7.2 COUNTRY MAYORS ASSOCIATION MEETING - 9 AUGUST 2024 S14.11.1/17

RESOLUTION 2024/133

Moved: Cr Paul King OAM

Seconded: Cr Wendy Wilks

That the report be received and noted.

CARRIED

7.3 BORDER REGIONAL ORGANISATION OF COUNCILS (BROC) MEETING MINUTES - 26 JULY 2024 S14.10.1

RESOLUTION 2024/134

Moved: Cr Kate Dight

Seconded: Cr Di Baker

That the minutes of the Border Regional Organisation of Councils meeting held on 26 July 2024 be received and noted.

CARRIED

8 NOTICES OF BUSINESS

Nil

9 QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

Nil

10 COMMITTEE REPORTS**10.1 AUDIT RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES - 11 JUNE 2024****RESOLUTION 2024/135**

Moved: Cr Jacko Ross

Seconded: Cr Jo Williams

That the Minutes of the Audit Risk and Improvement Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, 11 June 2024, be received and noted.

CARRIED**10.2 YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES - 3 JULY 2024 AND 21 AUGUST 2024 S3.16.13****RESOLUTION 2024/136**

Moved: Cr Kate Dight

Seconded: Cr Stewart Berryman

That the minutes of the Youth Advisory Council Meetings held on Wednesday, 3 July 2024 and Tuesday, 21 August 2024 be received and noted.

CARRIED**11 DESTINATION REPORTS****11.1 EXPRESSION OF INTEREST TO LICENCE LAND - PART LOT 1 DP 1140913 CAMERON PARK AND PART CLOSED ROAD, INVERELL S5.10.38****RESOLUTION 2024/137**

Moved: Cr Di Baker

Seconded: Cr Wendy Wilks

That:

- i) Council enter into a Licence Agreement with Ridge Wilson for Part Lot 1 DP 1140913 Cameron Park and Part Closed Road, 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

11.2 TRANSFER OF INTERNALLY RESTRICTED ASSETS AND BUDGET REVOTES FROM 2023/2024 S12.5.1/16**RESOLUTION 2024/138**

Moved: Cr Stewart Berryman
Seconded: Cr Kate Dight

That:

- i) the report be received and noted;*
- ii) the list of revotes in the attachment be revoted to the 2024/2025 budget; and*
- iii) the transfers to Council's Externally / Internally Restricted Assets for the 2023/2024 Financial Year totalling \$14,600,307 and Council's transfers from Externally / Internally Restricted Assets for the 2023/2024 Financial Year totalling \$3,043,241 be endorsed.*

CARRIED

11.3 AQUATIC CENTRE PROJECT CONTROL GROUP MEMBERSHIP S5.9.27**RESOLUTION 2024/139**

Moved: Cr Jacko Ross
Seconded: Cr Jo Williams

That Council endorse the continuation of Cr Stewart Berryman as an Aquatic Centre Project Control Group member post the 14 September 2024 local government election in a specialist advisory capacity until the project final completion.

CARRIED

11.4 REFERRAL OF CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS S13.5.2/17**RESOLUTION 2024/140**

Moved: Cr Di Baker
Seconded: Cr Kate Dight

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

CARRIED

12 INFORMATION REPORTS

12.1 LGNSW CONFERENCE 2023 - RESPONSE TO MOTIONS S14.3.13

RESOLUTION 2024/141

Moved: Cr Di Baker

Seconded: Cr Kate Dight

That the report be received and noted.

CARRIED

12.2 WORKS UPDATE S28.21.1/17

RESOLUTION 2024/142

Moved: Cr Kate Dight

Seconded: Cr Di Baker

That the report be received and noted.

CARRIED

12.3 INTERMENT SERVICES LEVY S24.6.6

RESOLUTION 2024/143

Moved: Cr Di Baker

Seconded: Cr Jacko Ross

That the report be received and noted.

CARRIED

12.4 PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY INTO RURAL AND REGIONAL HEALTH S24.20.5

RESOLUTION 2024/144

Moved: Cr Wendy Wilks

Seconded: Cr Stewart Berryman

That the report be received and noted.

CARRIED

12.5 STRATEGIC TASKS - 'SIGN OFF' - AUGUST 2024 S4.13.2

RESOLUTION 2024/145

Moved: Cr Jacko Ross

Seconded: Cr Di Baker

That the report be received and noted.

CARRIED

12.6 ORDINANCE ACTIVITIES REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 1 AUGUST 2024 TO 23 AUGUST 2024 S18.10.1

RESOLUTION 2024/146

Moved: Cr Kate Dight
 Seconded: Cr Paul King OAM

That the report be received and noted.

CARRIED

12.7 PCG MEETING - INVERELL AQUATIC CENTRE REPLACEMENT S5.9.27

RESOLUTION 2024/147

Moved: Cr Stewart Berryman
 Seconded: Cr Jacko Ross

That the report be received and noted.

CARRIED

12.8 SUMMARY OF DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS, CONSTRUCTION CERTIFICATES AND COMPLYING DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATES FOR THE PERIOD 1 AUGUST 2024 - 23 AUGUST 2024 S18.10.2/17

RESOLUTION 2024/148

Moved: Cr Di Baker
 Seconded: Cr Jo Williams

That the report be received and noted.

CARRIED

12.9 MR187 YETMAN ROAD SPEED REVIEW - RING STREET TO MCFERTRIDGE LANE - SPEED ZONE REVIEW - UPDATE S28.10.MR187

RESOLUTION 2024/149

Moved: Cr Jo Williams
 Seconded: Cr Di Baker

That the report be received and noted.

CARRIED

12.10 LETTER OF APPRECIATION - INVERELL SPORTS COUNCIL S26.4.9

RESOLUTION 2024/150

Moved: Cr Kate Dight
 Seconded: Cr Jacko Ross

That the report be received and noted.

CARRIED

12.11 RENEWABLE ENERGY TRANSITION IMPACTS S18.6.52/10**RESOLUTION 2024/151**

Moved: Cr Kate Dight
Seconded: Cr Di Baker

That the report be received and noted.

CARRIED**12.12 LETTER OF APPRECIATION - INVERELL PIONEER VILLAGE S26.4.20****RESOLUTION 2024/152**

Moved: Cr Jo Williams
Seconded: Cr Di Baker

That the report be received and noted.

CARRIED**13 GOVERNANCE REPORTS****13.1 GOVERNANCE - PERFORMANCE REPORTING ON ROAD MAINTENANCE COUNCIL CONTRACTS S1.2.3/17****RESOLUTION 2024/153**

Moved: Cr Jacko Ross
Seconded: Cr Kate Dight

That the information be received and noted.

CARRIED**13.2 GENERAL & SPECIAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL REPORTS 2023/2024 S12.11.5****RESOLUTION 2024/154**

Moved: Cr Kate Dight
Seconded: Cr Jo Williams

That:

- i) the report be received and noted;*
- ii) Council's DRAFT 2023/2024 Financial Statements be "referred to audit" in accordance with s413(1) of the Local Government Act 1993.*
- iii) If during the audit process, the NSW Audit Office requires any material changes, or discovers any audit issues that would render the Financial Statements false or misleading in any way, the draft financial statements are to be returned to Council for further consideration.*

- iv) *Council record as an opinion of Council, in accordance with s413 (2c) of the Local Government Act 1993, that the draft 2023/2024 annual financial report is in accordance with:*
- *the Local Government Act 1993 (as amended) and the Regulations made there under,*
 - *the Australian Accounting Standards and professional pronouncements,*
 - *the Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting,*
 - *presents fairly the Council's operating result and financial position for the year,*
 - *accords with Council's accounting and other records; and*
 - *that the Council is not aware of any matter that would render this report false or misleading in any way.*
- v) *Subject to no material audit changes or audit issues discovered as a result of the audit process:*
- i) *the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, General Manager and Responsible Accounting Officer be authorised to sign the statements as required by s413(2) of the Local Government Act 1993;*
 - ii) *Council authorise the General Manager to forward the Financial Statements to the Office of Local Government upon receipt of the Audit Reports from the NSW Audit Office;*
 - iii) *Council authorise the General Manager to place the audited Financial Statements on public exhibition and provide notice in accordance with s418(3) of the Local Government Act 1993, that Council will consider the Reports of its Auditors for the year ended 30 June, 2024 at its November Ordinary Meeting; and*
 - iv) *Council present the signed audited Financial Statements to the public at the November Ordinary Council Meeting in accordance with s 419 (1) Local Government Act 1993.*

CARRIED

13.3 GOVERNANCE - MONTHLY INVESTMENT REPORT S12.12.2/18

RESOLUTION 2024/155

Moved: Cr Jo Williams

Seconded: Cr Kate Dight

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

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

At this juncture, the time being 4.10pm, the Chairperson offered the opportunity to members of the public to make representations as to whether any part of the Council Meeting should not be considered in Closed Council. There was no response.

RESOLUTION 2024/156

Moved: Cr Kate Dight
Seconded: Cr Jacko Ross

That Council proceeds into Closed Council to discuss the matters referred to it, for the reasons stated in the motions of referral.

CARRIED**RESOLUTION 2024/157**

Moved: Cr Paul King OAM
Seconded: Cr Di Baker

That Council proceeds out of Closed Council into Open Council.

CARRIED

Upon resuming Open Council at 4.16pm, the Chairperson verbally reported that the Council had met in Closed Council, with the Press and Public excluded, and had resolved to recommend to Council the following:

14.1 NEW ELECTRICITY CONTRACT - LARGE SITES S10.19.1**RECOMMENDATION**

That the report be received and noted.

ADOPTION OF RECOMMENDATIONS**RESOLUTION 2024/158**

Moved: Cr Paul King OAM
Seconded: Cr Di Baker

That the recommendations of Closed Council be adopted.

CARRIED

The Meeting closed at 4.18pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 9 October 2024.