

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF INVERELL SHIRE COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, ADMINISTRATIVE CENTRE, 144 OTHO STREET, INVERELL ON TUESDAY, 27 FEBRUARY, 2007, COMMENCING AT 1 PM.

PRESENT: Cr B C Johnston (Mayor) [Chairman], Crs D F Baker, D K Barnes, J L Cameron, H N Castledine, P J Harmon, W J Irvine, D C Jones, K L Kneipp, M P Lewis and P H Lloyd.

The General Manager (Paul Henry), Director Corporate Services (Ken Beddie), Director Technical Services (Greg Moran), Director Planning & Development (Brett McInnes) and Assistant General Manager (Joerg Schmidt-Liermann) were also in attendance.

APOLOGIES:

The General Manager advised that Cr D B Mudaliar tendered his apology and sought leave of absence for personal reasons.

01/07 RESOLVED (Irvine/Baker) that the apology from Cr Mudaliar due to his absence for personal reasons be accepted, and that leave of absence be granted.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

02/07 RESOLVED (Irvine/Castledine) that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 19 December, 2006 as circulated to members, be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting.

DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS/PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS

At this juncture, the time being 1.03 pm, the following interest was declared:

- Cr Castledine declared a pecuniary interest in Section H, Item # 7, Finance/Budget Committee Meeting Minutes, page H34, #3, "Inverell Riding for the Disabled". The nature of the interest relating to Cr Castledine being the Vice President of the Inverell Riding for the Disabled Committee.

PUBLIC FORUM 13.5.4

At this juncture, the time being 1.05 pm, the Mayor welcomed the members of the public and opened the Public Forum Session by inviting members of the public to speak:

Mr Steve Wright Proposed Subdivision DA-85/2006

Mr Wright noted this proposed subdivision and his objection to the subdivision as an owner of the adjoining property. Mr Wright felt the application was not sufficiently substantiated and his concerns as to what may be built on the proposed lot in the future. Mr Wright asked that Council decline the subdivision.

Mr Patrick Humphrey Wattle Hill Road

Mr Humphrey lives at the end of Wattle Hill Road and indicated that the road is 400 metres long with only 100 metres of gravel. Mr Humphrey feels that McNeil's Lane and Wattle Hill Road are not adequately maintained. Mr Humphrey asked Council whether maintenance could be carried out on these roads and whether the Wattle Hill Road sign could be stood back up.

Mrs Jacquie Hahn Evans Street Redevelopment

Mrs Hahn noted the proposed Evans Street Redevelopment and indicated that the Inverell Art Society were not in favour of the 'Curve Linear' design, but wished to have the existing street scape maintained.

Mr Chris Wallbridge Rural Fire Service (RFS)

Mr Wallbridge noted the inspection of the new Nullamanna and Wallangra Bush Fire Tanker vehicles by Councillors and thanked Council for their continued support. Mr Wallbridge also advised that two (2) further tankers have been donated to Inverell RFS to replace the existing petrol tankers.

At this juncture, the time being 1.21 pm, the Public Forum Session closed and Council resumed the balance of the Agenda.

**SECTION C
GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORTS**

**1. COUNTRY ENERGY NORTHERN REGIONAL GENERAL MANAGER
8.5.4**

03/07 RESOLVED (Lloyd/Jones) that the information be received and noted.

**2. STATE EMERGENCY SERVICE OF NEW SOUTH WALES – ANNUAL
REPORT 2005/2006 **S9.18.4****

04/07 RESOLVED (Jones/Cameron) that the information be received and noted.

GM-A **3. INVERELL ART SOCIETY ADVISORY BOARD **S26.4.14****

Motion (Barnes/Irvine) that:

- a) Council agree to be represented on the Inverell Art Gallery Board; and
- b) Council's representative be the Deputy Mayor as policy and an alternative delegate be appointed.

05/07 Amendment (Baker/Cameron) that:

- a) Council agree to be represented on the Inverell Art Gallery Board; and
- b) Council's representative be Cr Lloyd and an alternate delegate be appointed.

The Amendment on being put to the meeting was CARRIED. It then became the Motion.

The Motion on being put to the meeting was CARRIED.

**SECTION D
CORPORATE SERVICES REPORTS**

1. COUNCIL OPERATIONS – ACTION CHECKLIST **13.5.1**

06/07 RESOLVED (Kneipp/Harmon) that the information be received and noted.

1. DRAFT 2007/2008 BUDGET 8.14.1

That the proposed fees and charges in relation to the Draft 2007/2008 Budget increase by 5% and rounded up to the nearest cent.

DCS-A EFFLUENT DISCHARGE FROM STOCK TRANSPORTS S18.14.1

19/07 RESOLVED (Cameron/Lloyd) *that the issue of effluent discharge from stock transports be considered at the next Works/Services Committee Meeting.*

DTS-A AS-A 3. TRAFFIC AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
30.8.1

20/07 RESOLVED (Jones/Kneipp) *that:*

a) *the Minutes of the Traffic and Development Committee Meeting held on Monday, 12 February, 2007 be received and noted; and*

b) *the following recommendations of the Traffic and Development Committee be adopted by Council:*

1. UPGRADE OF CAR WASH DA-006/2007

That:

a) *the application be recommended for approval in relation to the traffic issues subject to the provision of additional traffic signage and minor modifications on site to assist in the calming of vehicle egress from the site; and*

b) *signage be placed to advise motorists that there is no entry to the site from the rear laneway.*

2. 'WELCOME TO GILGAI' AND 'THANKYOU FOR VISITING GILGAI' SIGNS
28.10.1 & 28.10.TR 73

That Council approach Danthonia to request quotes for 'Welcome to Gilgai' and 'Thankyou for visiting Gilgai' signs.

3. CENTRAL MEDIAN IN FRONT OF McDONALDS DA-180/2000

That a removable rubber kerb island replace the sand bag median in front of McDonalds in Byron Street.

4. GRAFTON TO INVERELL CYCLOSPORTIF CHALLENGE AND GLEN INNES
TO INVERELL CYCLOSPORTIF CHALLENGE S26.3.7

That the Inverell Cycle 'N' Tri Club be granted permission to stage the Grafton to Inverell and Glen Innes to Inverell Cyclosporitif Challenges, subject to the normal conditions involving traffic management plans, rider and support vehicle inductions and appropriate advertising and advice to the community.

5. TRAFFIC ISLANDS FOR INTERSECTIONS AROUND INVERELL 30.9.5

That:

a) *traffic islands and pedestrian refuges be designed and installed at:*

- i) the intersections of Henderson and Vivian Streets;
- ii) Lawrence and Ross Streets;
- iii) Lawrence and Sweaney Streets; and
- iv) Swanbrook Road and Ross Street.

b) And funding be sought through the 2007/08 budget to complete these works.

6. EXTENSION OF BUS STOP AREA IN FRONT OF THE TOWN HALL
30.17.5

That the two (2) parking spaces adjacent to the bus stop in front of the Town Hall be converted to a motorcycle parking bay (directly adjacent to the bus stop) and a disabled parking bay to allow the town bus service to completely pull off the road at this particular stop.

7. JARDINE ROAD – TRUNCATION OF LAND AND RESUMPTION
28.10.SR 275 & 28.1.5

That the proposed intersection works and remarking of the linework at the intersection of Jardine Road and SH12 be planned and costed with a further report to the Committee.

8. GWYDIR HIGHWAY, DELUNGRA 28.10.SH 12

That:

- a) a letter be sent to Mr McDonald advising that Council will not erect a 'No Parking' sign on the eastern side of his driveway in Delungra at this time; and
- b) Council continue to monitor this issue.

9. COLES SUPERMARKET LOADING BAY 28.10.IN 105

That an investigation be conducted to determine whether the area is owned by Coles and what barriers could be erected to prevent access by the public.

10. JUNIOR TRIATHLON 28.27.1

That the Inverell Cycle 'n' Tri Club be advised that the Junior Triathlon be supported and permission granted for the event to take place.

11. ROAD TRAIN S28.15.3 & S28.11.1

That:

- a) an investigation be conducted to determine the owner of the truck; and
- b) a letter be sent to the owner reiterating that he is subject to prosecution if caught driving the truck (in a road train formation) within Inverell Shire.

12. SHORT STREET, INVERELL – TRAFFIC SPEEDS 28.10.IN 187 &
30.9.5

That traffic classifiers be placed on Short Street, Inverell to ascertain the average speed of cars.

EA-A
AS-A

**4. INVERELL LIQUOR CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
19.9.1**

21/07 RESOLVED (Jones/Castledine) that:

- a) the Minutes of the Inverell Liquor Consultative Committee Meeting held on 13 February, 2007 be received and noted; and
- b) the following recommendations of the Inverell Liquor Consultative Committee be adopted by Council:

1. EDUCATION PROGRAMS – FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES 19.9.1

That:

- a) a financial fund be set up for advertising/promotions and that a voluntary donation/membership fee be requested from Liquor Accord members. Voluntary contributions be set at \$100 for clubs, pubs and bottleshops, \$50 for restaurants; and
- b) the Committee seek to become an incorporated body for the purposes of attracting project funding.

2. COMMITTEE MEETINGS 19.9.1

That Liquor Accord meetings be held every four months.

DPD-A
AS-A

5. PLANNING/COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES 4.11.3

22/07 RESOLVED (Lloyd/Baker) that:

- a) the Minutes of the Planning/Community Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, 14 February, 2007 be received and noted; and
- b) the following recommendations of the Planning/Community Committee be adopted by Council:

1. LIBRARY SCHOOL BASED TRAINEE 22.8.4

That the Library continue to provide employment opportunities for the youth of the Shire through School Based Traineeships and casual employment.

2. RURAL LAND USE STUDY 18.6.34

That:

- a) the Rural Land Use Study as presented be endorsed; and
- b) the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, General Manager and Director Planning & Development meet with representatives from the Department of Planning on 20 February, 2007.

3. GWYMAC REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE 11.15.3

That Council agree to support the proposal in providing gold sponsorship to GWYMAC in the form of providing \$1,000 towards promotional activities to be funded from Council's donations budget.

5. FREE ACCESS TO INVERELL LANDFILL S31.8.1

That Council agree to providing free access to the Inverell Landfill for the disposal of domestic waste by local residents on a maximum of two (2) nominated days per year subject to appropriate use protocols being developed by the Director Planning & Development.

6. MOBILE PHONE COVERAGE 10.10.3

That Council make representations to its local member on the extension of the 3G network through additional federal government funding.

7. CAMPBELL PARK S21.8.11

That the General Manager review management practices for use of Campbell Park in consultation with stakeholders.

DP-A

CONVERSION OF A DWELLING – BRAE STREET, INVERELL DA-221/2006

23/07 RESOLVED (Barnes/Cameron) that:

- a) Development Application 221/2006 to use the existing dwelling for short term accommodation be approved subject to the following conditions:

Preliminary

1. This approval is based upon the endorsed plans, specifications and related information as submitted with the development application. Any deviation will require an amended application to be submitted;
2. The dwelling is to provide short term accommodation only for a period of not more than three (3) months at any one time to the tenant;

Prior to the Occupation Certificate

3. The applicant is to provide smoke alarms and emergency lighting within the dwelling as per the approved plan. This is to be inspected by Council, once it has been completed;
4. The driveway is to be upgraded to a standard acceptable by Council, at the applicant's expense. The type of upgrade is to be approved by Council and must compliment the character of the dwelling and streetscape;
5. The applicant is to provide soft and hard landscaping on-site. A landscaping plan is to be submitted to and approved by Council;

Ongoing Use of the site

6. All cars and vehicles should be encouraged to use on site car parking facilities; and
 7. The use of the building accommodation should not interrupt the quiet enjoyment of the neighbourhood by reason of noise.
- b) Any other conditions deemed appropriate by the Director Planning and Development; and

- c) *The principle of appropriate air-conditioning of the premises be accepted.*

DP-A

PROPOSED SUBDIVISION – 41 FROUDE STREET, INVERELL DA-85/2006

Motion (Cameron/Harmon) that DA-85/2006 be referred back to the next Planning/Community Committee meeting for further consideration.

24/07 Amendment (Barnes/Jones) that:

- a) *Development Application DA 85/2006 for a one (1) into two (2) lot subdivision be approved subject to the following conditions:*

Preliminary

1. *Consent is granted for a one (1) into two (2) lot subdivision. All works are to be undertaken in accordance with the approved plans and supporting documentation;
Any modification to plans requires prior consent from Council;*

Prior to the release of Plan of Subdivision

2. *The final plan of subdivision is to include an 88(b) Instrument creating a restriction as to user for the provision of :
 - o *Providing for inter-allotment drainage;**
3. *A contribution under the Water Supply Authorities Act of \$4,236.00 is required for lot 2. This is to go towards water recoupment of past costs. This figure will increase in the 2006/2007 financial year to \$6,783.00 and a further increase in the 2007/2008 financial year to \$9,330.00. This is as per Development Service Plan No 1. The level of contribution is calculated at the date of release of the subdivision certificate;*
4. *A contribution under the Water Supply Authorities Act of \$1,181.00 is required for lot 2. This is to go towards sewer recoupment of past costs. This figure will increase in the 2006/2007 financial year to \$2,146.00 and a further increase in the 2007/2008 financial year will be to \$3,010.00. This is as per Development Service Plan No 1. The level of contribution is calculated at the date of release of the subdivision certificate;*
5. *A section 94 contribution of \$115.00 is to be submitted for Lot 2. This is to go towards community services;*
6. *Water is to be connected to lot 2, at the applicant's expense. The water connection cost is subject to quotation and not Council's standard water connection fee. This is based on the location and the merits of each individual application;*
7. *Sewer is to be connected to lot 2, at the applicant's expense. The sewer connection cost is subject to quotation and not Council's standard sewer connection fee. This is based on the location and the merits of each individual application;*
8. *Provision for interallotment drainage along the boundary of the proposed two (2) lots is to be provided, at the applicant's expense, to Council's satisfaction;*

9. *A new layback is to be provided in the kerb and gutter fronting Froude Street to provide access to lot 2. This cost will be by quotation, at the applicant's expense;*
 10. *Electricity is to be supplied to each allotment in accordance with the requirements of Country Energy. A certificate is required to be submitted to Council stating satisfactory arrangements have been met;*
 11. *A telephone line is to be put to each allotment, at the applicant's expense. A certificate is required to be submitted to Council stating satisfactory arrangements have been met;*
 12. *A Subdivision Certificate Application is to be lodged prior to the release of the linen plan. A Plan of Subdivision and four (4) copies must be submitted to Council with the subdivision application;*
 13. *Any other conditions as determined by the Director Planning and Development; and*
- b) *That the information relating to potential development restrictions be disclosed in Council's Property Information Register.*

The Amendment on being put to the meeting was CARRIED. It then became the Motion.

The Motion on being put to the meeting was CARRIED.

DTS-A
AS-A

6. WORKS/SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES 4.11.4

25/07 RESOLVED (Barnes/Castledine) that:

- a) *the Minutes of the Works/Services Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, 14 February, 2007 be received and noted; and*
- b) *the following recommendations of the Works/Services Committee be adopted by Council:*

1. PLANT REPLACEMENT 23.7.9526

That:

- a) *Council accept the offer and purchase the Isuzu Giga 385 from Kenway & Clark with truck and trailer built body for \$142,953.00; and*
- b) *Council accept the offer of \$73,906.36 for the purchase of the trade-in by Golden City Car and Truck Centre Pty Limited.*

2. INCREASE IN COST FOR BITUMEN SEALING OF DRIVEWAYS
28.3.2 & 4.14.1

That the charge for bitumen sealing of driveways be increased from \$110.00 per driveway to \$165.00 per driveway (including GST).

3. SPECIAL SCHOOL PARKING AREA 30.14.1

That Council allocate the appropriate funding in the 2007/2008 Financial Year in order to provide Council with an avenue to increase safety in and around the specific School environment and to reduce the potential for vehicle/pedestrian (children) accidents.

4. DELUNGRA – ALCOHOL FREE ZONE 18.8.1

That Council resolves to establish an Alcohol Free Zone in ANZAC Park Delungra in accordance with Sections 644 and 644A of the Local Government Act for a range of specific events on the days designated by the Delungra District Development Council.

5. HEAVY VEHICLE BY-PASS 28.16.1

That the issue of heavy vehicle movements through the residential areas of Inverell and the CBD be considered in conjunction with the proposed Traffic Study for Inverell in 2007.

6. CBD AMENITIES 30.9.9.& 5.11.43

That Council allocate approximately \$3,800.00 to carry out this specialised cleaning service by contract for the remaining five (5) months of this financial year in order to ensure a higher level of cleanliness and an improved community perception of the four (4) main toilet facilities/amenity facilities within the CBD area.

7. WATERWISE PROGRAM S32.23.1

That:

- a) *further investigations be undertaken into the concept of Waterwise with the production of fact sheets which can be distributed to the community with Rate Notices;*
- b) *Council allocate funding in the order of \$8,000.00 for the production of a guide to be distributed to each residence and business within the Shire area; and*
- c) *Council continue to look for further options for the improvement in the efficiency of water use and encourage the community to adopt Waterwise initiatives such as water saving showerheads and dual flush toilet systems. The funding for these initiatives would also be the subject of a further Report.*

8. CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES 28.9.12

That:

- a) *maintenance grading only be undertaken on roads where water is available and similarly for construction works;*
- b) *Council work with the media to provide a press release advising the general public of the situation with regard to local roads; and*
- c) *Council investigate availability of appropriate water sources.*

9. BMX TRACK 21.8.24

That Council conduct a risk assessment of the BMX track with the view to retaining the facility, involving discussion with key stakeholders, including the Lions Club of Inverell.

10. INVERELL GOLF CLUB – WATER UTILISATION 32.12.6

That:

- a) the Inverell Golf Club be permitted to connect to the 150mm diameter Tingha watermains (the Council potable water system) with the water being stored in an onsite tank for utilisation for the irrigation of the greens. This storage would require that a non-return and water security system be put in place to ensure that potable water is free from any bacteria and backflow into the mains arrangement;
- b) a further detailed report covering the design and costing implications of an effluent reuse pipeline between Gilgai and the Golf Club be completed and presented to a future meeting;
- c) the implications of current legislative and regulatory requirements be assessed with regard to this proposal; and
- d) Council work closely with the Golf Club Committee in exploring areas where funding may be sourced for the development of the effluent reuse system as has been carried out in other localities.

11. PEDESTRIAN CROSSING REVIEW S30.9.4

That Council staff undertake a review of the Pedestrian Crossing at Ritchie's IGA.

DCS-A
AS-A

7. FINANCE/BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES 4.11.2

Conflict of Interests – Code of Conduct (Section 6)

At this juncture, the time being 2.34 pm, Cr Castledine declared a pecuniary interest in respect of Item #2, "Inverell Riding for the Disabled", the nature of the interest relating to Cr Castledine being the Vice President of the Inverell Riding for the Disabled Committee. Cr Castledine left the meeting.

26/07 RESOLVED (Baker/Irvine) that:

- a) the Minutes of the Finance/Budget Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, 14 February, 2007 be received and noted; and
- b) the following recommendations of the Finance/Budget Committee be adopted by Council:

1. AIR SERVICE TO INVERELL – AEROPELICAN 30.16.4

That Council:

- a) meet 50% of the CASA's inspection costs; and
- b) decline to provide the requested financial assistance to offset initial advertising costs.

2. INVERELL RIDING FOR THE DISABLED 3.16.4

That the initiative be given in principle support.

3. REQUEST FOR EXTENSION TO INVERELL SKATE PARK 5.11.44

That:

- a) an estimate be prepared to extend the Skate Park facility located in Lions Park to be considered by Council in the 2007/2008 Draft Management Plan;
- b) petitioners submit concept plans to Council's Youth Indent Committee for consideration; and
- c) the group be invited to indicate the extent of their in-kind contribution.

5. BUDGET VARIATIONS S12.5.1

That:

- a) Council's Budget Review for 31 December, 2006 be adopted; and
- b) the proposed variations to budget votes for the 2006/2007 Financial Year as listed in the report be adopted, altering the anticipated result to a deficit of \$11,282,330 inclusive of Depreciation and Works Funded from Internally Restricted Assets and Cash carried forward from 2005/06. The estimated Cash Surplus \$2,000.

6. BIO-DIESEL COMMITTEE S23.9.1

That Council agree to allow the Bio-Diesel Committee to conduct a public forum to gauge the community's interest in and support for the establishment of a Bio-Diesel facility in Inverell.

7. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE 26.1.1

That the Committee recommend to Council that:

- a) Council participate in the event; and
- b) Council provide a budget allocation of \$10,000 for project development costs to secure the event start for Inverell.

8. OPERA IN THE PADDOCK – INVERELL'S MAIN STREETS PROGRAM
S26.3.14

That the Committee recommend to Council that the offer of assistance for Council's Main Street Program promotional budget be accepted.

At this juncture, the time being 2.48 pm, Cr Castledine returned to the Chamber.

GM-A

SUSPENDED KIDS PROGRAM – SOUTH INVERELL RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION (SIRA) 2.14.3

Motion (Barnes/Baker) that Council contribute \$5K to the program on the condition that:

- a) the funds be matched in equal part by the community, state and federal governments;
- b) an appropriate mechanism be established to oversight the operation of the program;
- c) efforts be made to establish a student mentoring program consisting of volunteers; and

- d) suspended students be required to pay a portion of the supervision costs.

27/07 Amendment (Irvine/Baker) that Council contribute \$5K to the program on the condition that:

- a) the funds be matched in equal part by the community, state and federal governments;
- b) an appropriate mechanism be established to oversight the operation of the program; and
- c) efforts be made to establish a student mentoring program consisting of volunteers.

The Amendment on being put to the meeting was CARRIED. It then became the Motion.

The Motion on being put to the meeting was CARRIED.

GM-A
AS-A

6. EVANS STREET REDEVELOPMENT SUNSET COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES 28.10.IN 82

Motion (Jones/Barnes) that:

- a) the Minutes of the Evans Street Redevelopment Sunset Committee Meeting held on 14 February, 2007 be received and noted; and
- b) the following recommendation of the Evans Street Redevelopment Sunset Committee be adopted by Council:
1. EVANS STREET REDEVELOPMENT 28.10.IN 82

That Option 3 be the preferred design for the redevelopment of Evans Street, Inverell.

28/07 Amendment (Cameron/Irvine) that:

- a) the Minutes of the Evans Street Redevelopment Sunset Committee Meeting held on 14 February, 2007 be received and noted; and
- b) the following recommendation of the Evans Street Redevelopment Sunset Committee be adopted by Council:
1. EVANS STREET REDEVELOPMENT 28.10.IN 82

That:

- a) Evans Street be redeveloped utilising the existing alignment and width; and
- b) the footpaths and kerbing be refurbished and services be provided to facilitate its use for outdoor events and festivals.

The Amendment on being put to the meeting was CARRIED. It then became the Motion.

The Motion on being put to the meeting was CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT

At this juncture, the time being 3.25 pm, Council adjourned.

RESUMPTION

At this juncture, the time being 3.52 pm, Council reconvened.

**SECTION I
INFORMATION REPORTS**

1. QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE & PUBLIC FORUM 13.5.5
2. CONSTRUCTION CERTIFICATES APPROVED BY COUNCIL FOR DECEMBER 2006 7.2.4
3. CONSTRUCTION CERTIFICATES APPROVED BY PRIVATE CERTIFIER FOR DECEMBER 2006 7.2.4
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8. ORDINANCE ACTIVITIES REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2006 19.8.1
9. STAFF MOVEMENTS: 1 OCTOBER 2006 TO 31 DECEMBER 2006 22.25.1
10. ANNUAL LEAVE 22.13.2
11. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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20. MANAGEMENT TEAM MINUTES 4.11.5
21. MAINTENANCE PROGRAMS 28.21.1
22. GRAVEL RESHEETING ON SHIRE ROADS 28.21.1 & 15.8.19
23. PARKS AND RESERVES 21.8.1

29/07 RESOLVED (Kneipp/Harmon) that the items contained in the Information Reports to the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Tuesday, 27 February, 2007 be received and noted.

At this juncture, the time being 4.05 pm, Cr Johnston left the Chamber and Cr Lloyd assumed the Chair.

**SECTION J
QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE**

- DTS-N **QWN/ORD 01/07** CBD Parking 28.27.2
Cr Kneipp
- Cr Kneipp enquired whether Council would consider a trial of nose to kerb parking.
- The Director Technical Services noted that a previous survey of the community favoured rear to kerb parking and any change would come at a significant cost.

At this juncture, the time being 4.08 pm, Cr Johnston returned to the Chamber and assumed the Chair.

- GM-A **QWN/ORD 02/07** Community Recognition 2.13.2
Cr Lloyd
- Cr Lloyd enquired whether Council would consider some form of recognition to the Calderbank family for their contribution to the Delungra community.

30/07 RESOLVED (Lloyd/Baker) that the Calderbank's contribution to the community be appropriately recognised.

- QWN/ORD 03/07** Ashford Medical Services
Cr Lewis
- 31/07 RESOLVED** (Lewis/Kneipp) that the matter be referred to the Committee-of-the-Whole for consideration as:
- a) the matter includes 'commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.' (Section 10A(2)(d)(i) of the Local Government Act, 1993); and
- b) on balance the public interest in preserving the confidentiality of the information outweighs the public interest in openness and transparency in Council decision-making by discussing the matter in open meeting.
- DTS-A **QWN/ORD 04/07** Ashford Entry Signs 28.9.19
Cr Lewis
- Cr Lewis asked whether the posts of the Ashford entry signs can be painted.
- QWN/ORD 05/07** Ashford Caravan Park
Cr Lewis
- Cr Lewis enquired as to what progress had been made in regards to this matter. The Director Planning and Development noted the current progress in this matter.
- QWN/ORD 06/07** Miller/Hardy Development
Cr Lewis
- Cr Lewis asked for an update on these works. The Director Planning and Development noted that erection of the frame work had commenced today and the extension of the building should be completed in approximately six (6) weeks.
- QWN/ORD 07/07** Ashford Graman Road
Cr Lewis
- Cr Lewis enquired as to when the additional bitumen works would be commencing. The Director Technical Services advised that these works had been programmed.
- QWN/ORD 08/07** Sandy Creek
Cr Lewis
- Cr Lewis enquired when the culvert upgrade works were programmed. Cr Lewis was advised that these works will be considered in the 2007/2008 Draft Budget.
- DTS-A **QWN/ORD 09/07** Gravel Roads S28.9.12
Cr Barnes
- Cr Barnes noted that he had received some complaints in respect of gravel types causing tyre damage and asked that the Director Technical Services pursue this matter.
- DPD-A **QWN/ORD 10/07** Basix Requirements S7.2.1
Cr Barnes
- Cr Barnes noted the Basix requirements and that some new residences were being required to install gas hot water as opposed to off-peak electricity, ignoring the impact of delivery emissions and the like. Cr Barnes enquired whether the Planning/Community Committee would consider this issue.

AGM-A	QWN/ORD Cr Barnes	11/07	<u>Drug Issues</u> <u>24.5.2</u>	Cr Barnes asked whether Council has considered reinstating the Mayor's Drug Advisory Committee to deal with the emerging new drug issues.
DTS-A	QWN/ORD Cr Barnes	12/07	<u>Skate Park</u> <u>5.11.44</u>	Cr Barnes asked that Council review the signage at the skate park.
BPC-A	QWN/ORD Cr Irvine	13/07	<u>Skills Retention</u> <u>S8.10.3</u>	Cr Irvine noted the extensive skills available in the retirees in Inverell and the need to pass these onto Inverell's young people. Cr Irvine enquired whether this matter could be reconsidered by the Growing Inverell Program Committee.
	QWN/ORD Cr Irvine	14/07	<u>Ashford Coalmine Ash Piles</u>	Cr Irvine noted the possible uses for the ash available. Can Council investigate the viability of uses for this material. The Director Planning and Development advised that Country Energy have investigated this matter and managed to find uses for the ash.
DTS-A	QWN/ORD Cr Irvine	15/07	<u>McIntyre River</u> <u>21.8.29</u>	Cr Irvine enquired whether there is any impediment to removing gravel from the McIntyre River while it is at its current low level.
DPD-N	QWN/ORD Cr Baker	16/07	<u>Broadband Services</u> <u>S10.12.2</u>	Cr Baker noted a recent presentation to the NWRDB Board by Telstra and the Telstra Smart Community (TSC) initiative. The General Manager noted that the TSC option is available to all developers of new subdivisions.
GM-A	QWN/ORD Cr Johnston	17/07	<u>Rural Fire Service (RFS) Tankers</u> <u>23.7.2</u>	32/07 RESOLVED (Johnston/Barnes) that a letter of appreciation be forwarded to Coffs Harbour City Council thanking them for the donation of diesel Rural Fire Service Tankers to Council.
	QWN/ORD Director Planning & Development	18/07	<u>Copeton Northern Forshores</u> <u>S21.8.12</u>	The Director Planning and Development advised Council of a letter received from the person responsible for certain contracted duties at the reserve. 33/07 RESOLVED (Johnston/Barnes) that the matter be referred to the Committee-of-the-Whole for consideration as:

ADOPTION OF RECOMMENDATIONS

35/07 RESOLVED *(Jones/Baker) that the recommendations of the Committee-of-the-Whole be adopted.*

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 5.37 pm.

B C JOHNSTON

CHAIRMAN