

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF INVERELL SHIRE COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, ADMINISTRATIVE CENTRE, 144 OTHO STREET, INVERELL ON TUESDAY, 22 JULY, 2008, COMMENCING AT 1 PM.

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

The General Manager (Paul Henry), Director Corporate Services (Ken Beddie), Director Technical Services (Greg Moran) and Director Planning & Development (Brett McInnes).

APOLOGIES:

The General Manager advised that Cr P J Harmon tendered his apology and sought leave of absence for business reasons.

128/08 RESOLVED (Irvine/Baker) that the apology from Cr P J Harmon due to his absence for business reasons be accepted, and that leave of absence be granted.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

129/08 RESOLVED (Lloyd/Castledine) that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 24 June, 2008, 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

There were no interests declared.

PUBLIC FORUM **13.5.4**

No members of the Public were present to address the public forum.

**SECTION C
GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

GM-A 1. **SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL** **13.5.4**

130/08 RESOLVED (Lloyd/Irvine) that Council hold a Special Meeting of Council on 12 September, 2008 commencing at 1 pm.

GM-A 2. **FEDERAL GOVERNMENT 'WATER FOR THE FUTURE' PLAN** **32.26.1**

131/08 RESOLVED (Barnes/Baker) that:

- i) Council receive and note the information; and
- ii) A further report be presented to the August, 2008, Works/Services Committee Meeting in this matter.

GM-A 3. **CANCER COUNCIL NSW - COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP** **24.5.3**

132/08 RESOLVED (Irvine/Barnes) that:

- i) the information be received and noted; and
- ii) further information be sought from the Local Government Shires Association (LGSA) in this matter.

**SECTION D
CORPORATE SERVICES REPORTS**

DCS-N 1. **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS** **12.11.1 & 12.20.2**

133/08 RESOLVED (Baker/Irvine) that the report be received and it be noted that accounts totalling \$3,775,969.58 have been paid.

AO-A 2. **COUNCIL OPERATIONS – ACTION CHECKLIST** **13.5.1**

134/08 RESOLVED (Baker/Irvine) that the information be received and noted and the following items be removed from the action checklist DPD#1 and DTS#2.

135/08 RESOLVED (Cameron/Jones) that the Supplementary Corporate Services Report be considered by Council.

3. **CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT (CBD) PARKING (LISTING)** **S5.2.1**

136/08 RESOLVED (Cameron/Baker) that the matter be referred to Closed Council for consideration as:

- i) the report includes 'Information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business'. (Section 10A(2)(c) of the Local Government Act, 1993);
- ii) 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, and
- iii) all reports and correspondence relevant to the subject business be withheld from access to the media and public as required by section 11(2) of the Local Government Act, 1993.

**SECTION F
PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT REPORTS**

DPD-A 1. **LOCAL ORDERS POLICY** **4.14.1**

137/08 RESOLVED (Lloyd/Irvine) that Council in accordance with Section 159 of the Local Government Act, 1993, adopt the Local Orders Policy.

**SECTION H
COMMITTEES REPORTS**

DPD-A 1. **PLANNING/COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES S4.11.3**

138/08 RESOLVED (Lloyd/Irvine) that:

- i) *the Minutes of the Planning/Community Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, 9 July, 2008 be received and noted; and*
- ii) *the following recommendations of the Planning/Community Committee be adopted by Council:*

DPD-A 1. **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM THE NATIONAL TRUST OF AUSTRALIA (NSW) - HERITAGE ADVOCACY - REQUEST FOR ANNUAL RETAINER S18.6.36**

That the National Trust be advised that Council is unable to fund the Conservation Advisory Service retainer.

DPD-N 2. **SUBMISSION IN RESPONSE TO DRAFT NSW HOUSING CODE 7.20.2**

That the submission in response to the NSW Draft Housing Code as prepared by the Director Planning and Development be endorsed by Council.

DPD-A 3. **DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION NO. DA-95/2008 – RE-LOCATION OF BUILDING FOR PURPOSES OF CONSTRUCTING A DWELLING, INCLUDING ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS. DA - 95/2008**

That the application be approved subject to:

This consent expires five (5) years from the date on which it commences to operate in accordance with Section 83 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 unless the work to which it relates has physically commenced on site within that period. Where the approval relates to a use of the land rather than to the carrying out of works then that use must have commenced on site within that five (5) year period.

Conditions:

Preliminary

- 1 *Inverell Shire Council issues its consent, subject to conditions stated hereunder, in accordance with Section 80A of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.*

Consent is granted for the relocation of a section of an existing building, associated additions and alterations for the use as a dwelling.

To confirm and clarify the terms of consent, the development shall be carried out in accordance with the approved plans, accompanying supportive documentation and all conditions prescribed in this consent.

Any deviation from this will require the consent of Council.

- 2 *Fencing exceeding 1.2 metres is not to be constructed on the site, within four (4) metres of the front boundary, other than security fencing during construction.*

- 3 *The proposed garage shown on the site plan will be subject to separate approval from Council. A separate application including plans showing compliance with the Building Code of Australia is to be submitted prior to construction.*

Prior to Construction

- 4 *Prior to the commencement of any building works on the site a Construction Certificate is to be obtained from Council or an Accredited Certifier. The application for a Construction Certificate shall include plans and specifications demonstrating full compliance with the Building Code of Australia and associated standards. In the case of Council being the Principal Certifying Authority the following information is to be provided with the Construction Certificate:*
- (a) *A sub floor plan indicating the proposed isolated pier layout for the entire building including the proposed verandas with finished floor levels in comparison to natural ground level shown.*
- (b) *A plan of the proposed verandas including structural member sizes and spans.*
- 5 *To ensure the amenity of the existing streetscape is maintained, the sub floor of the building is to be enclosed. Adequate provision is to be made for the sub-floor ventilation and details of the walls are to be submitted to Council for approval prior to the commencement of works.*
- 6 *A bond of \$5,000.00 is to be paid to Council prior to the release of the Construction Certificate. This is to guarantee the satisfactory completion of works and will be refunded upon issue of an Occupation Certificate.*
- 7 *Water is to be connected to the allotment at the applicant's expense. A contribution under Council's Development Servicing Plan No. 1 will be required as well as separate connection fees. These costs are subject to a quotation from Council's Technical Services Department.*
- 8 *Sewer is to be connected to the allotment at the applicant's expense. A contribution under Council's Development Servicing Plan No. 1 will be required as well as separate connection fees. These costs are subject to a quotation from Council's Technical Services Department.*
- 9 *A bitumen sealed or concrete access is to be constructed from Old Bundarra Road to the boundary of the allotment. This is to be completed to a standard acceptable by Council, at the applicant's expense.*
- 10 *A sign must be erected in a prominent position on any site on which building work, subdivision work or demolition work is being carried out, such sign is to be maintained while the work is being carried out, but must be removed when the work has been completed. The sign must include the following:*
- *showing the name, address and telephone number of the principal certifying authority for the work, and*
 - *showing the name of the principal contractor (if any) for any building work and a telephone number on which that person may be contacted outside working hours, and*
 - *stating that unauthorised entry to the work site is prohibited.*

- 11 *Suitable hoarding or fence is to be provided to the satisfaction of Council for the protection and safety of persons, and vehicular traffic within the public place.*
- 12 *Approval is subject to the condition that the builder or person who does the residential building work complies with the applicable requirements of Part 6 of the Home Building Act 1989 whereby a person must not contract to do any residential building work unless a contract of insurance that complies with this Act is in force in relation to the proposed work. It is the responsibility of the builder or person who is to do the work to satisfy Council that they have complied with the applicable requirements of Part 6.*
- 13 *Erosion and Sedimentation measures are to be in place prior to the commencement of any works on site. The measures are to be implemented in accordance with Council's 'Erosion and Sedimentation Control Policy'.*

During Construction

- 14 *To safeguard the local amenity, reduce noise nuisance and to prevent environmental pollution during the construction period:*
- a) *Works on site are to be carried out in accordance with the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997 in relation to noise, dust and associated nuisances from the site. The carrying out of works shall not interfere with the quiet enjoyment of the surrounding neighbourhood.*
 - b) *Stockpiles of topsoil, sand, aggregate, spoil or other material shall be stored clear of any drainage path of easement, natural watercourse, footpath, kerb or road surface and shall measures in place to prevent the movement of such material off site.*
 - c) *Building operations such as brick cutting, washing tools, concreting and bricklaying shall be undertaken on the building block. The pollutants from these building operations shall be contained on site.*
 - d) *Builders waste must not be burnt or buried on site. All waste (including felled trees) must be contained and removed to a Waste Disposal Depot.*
- 15 *Toilet facilities are to be provided, at or in the vicinity of the work site on which work involved in the erection or demolition of a building is being carried out, at the rate of one (1) toilet for every twenty (20) persons or part of twenty (20) persons employed at the site. Each toilet provided;*
- a) *Must be a standard flushing toilet, and*
 - b) *Must be connected:*
 - i. *To a public sewer, or*
 - ii. *If connection to a public sewer is not practicable, to an accredited sewage management facility approved by Council, or*
 - iii. *If connection to a public sewer or an accredited sewage management facility is not practicable, to some other sewage management facility approved by the Council.*
- The provision of toilet facilities in accordance with this clause must be completed before any other work is commenced.*
- 16 *Conditions relating to critical stage inspections; Council, in the case of being the Principal Certifying Authority, is to be given 24 hours notice of the following critical stage inspections where applicable;*

- (a) *at the commencement of the building work, and*
 - (b) *after excavation for, and prior to the placement of, any footings, and*
 - (c) *prior to pouring any in-situ reinforced concrete building element, and*
 - (d) *prior to covering of the framework for any floor, wall, roof or other building element, and*
 - (e) *prior to covering waterproofing in any wet areas, and*
 - (f) *prior to covering any stormwater drainage connections, and*
 - (g) *after the building work has been completed and prior to any occupation certificate being issued in relation to the building.*
- 17 *Forty eight (48) hours notice is to be given to Council for inspection of:*
- a) *Floor Slab – reinforcement prior to concrete being poured.*
 - b) *External Drainage – prior to trenches being filled.*
- 18 *For the duration of any work on site, the builder must maintain a copy of the specification, stamped approved plans, copy of Development Consent and Construction Certificate on site.*
Reason: To ensure compliance with the conditions in the development consent.
- 19 *Sediment and erosion control measures are to be undertaken in accordance with Council's Erosion and Sedimentation Control Policy 2004.*
- 20 *To comply with Part 8.3.5.7 of AS 1684.2, the connections between the 76mm x 76mm RHS stumps and the timber bearer are to be a minimum 1/M12 or 2/M10 bolts or 1/12 x 75mm or 2/10mm x 75mm coach screws.*
- 21 *In accordance with Clause F2.5 (Class 2-9) and Clause 3.8.3.3 for Class 1 & 10, the door to a fully enclosed sanitary compartment must:*
- a) *open outwards, or*
 - b) *slide, or*
 - c) *be readily removable from the outside of the compartment, unless there is a clear space of at least 1.2m between the closet pan within and the nearest part of the doorway.*
- 22 *Mechanical ventilation and artificial lighting is to be supplied to all internal water closets (Pursuant with Part F4 (Class 2-9) or Parts 3.8.4 and 3.8.5 (Class 1) of the Building Codes of Australia.)*
- 23 *An automatic fire detection and alarm system must be installed complying with the Building Code of Australia Part 3.7.2 (Class 1 & 10) and AS 3786 – 1993 or listed in the SSL Register of Accredited Products.*
- 24 *Plumbing and drainage shall be carried out in accordance with the provisions of the NSW Code of Practice and Australian Standard AS 3500.*
- 25 *The battered and excavated areas of the site shall be stabilised and drained to the satisfaction of Council. (Pursuant to Clauses FF1.2 (Class 2-9) or F2.2.2 (Class 1) of the Building Codes of Australia.)*
- 26 *To comply with clause 1.10.2 of AS 3500.4, sanitary fixtures used for personal hygiene purposes are to be provided with tempering valves to deliver hot water at temperatures not exceeding 43.5°C for childhood centres and 50°C in all other Classes of buildings. The tempering valve is to be located within 1m of the hot water system.*

Prior to Occupation

- 27 All fencing is to be finished in suitable colours to blend with the surrounding streetscape.
- 28 The following compliance certificates are to be provided to Council prior to occupation of the building;
- (a) Manufacturers Certification and details of roof trusses and wall framing
 - (b) Wet area Certification, including shower compartments certifying compliance with the Building Code of Australia and AS 3740
 - (c) Manufacturers certification that all glazed assemblies are in accordance with AS 1288 & AS 2047
 - (d) Electrical works completion certification.
- 29 All roof stormwater to be drained to the satisfaction of Council. (Pursuant to Australian Standard 3500.3.)
- 30 To comply with the Local Government (Water Services) Regulations 1999, the plumber is to provide Council with a plan of sewer drainage to a standard acceptable to Council.
- 31 Any other condition deemed appropriate by the Director of Planning and Development.
4. DRAFT EMPLOYMENT LANDS STRATEGY S18.6.49

That:

- i) The matter be removed from the table: and
- ii) A copy of the Draft Employment Lands Strategy be sent to the Department of Planning for comment; and
- iii) A copy of the Draft Employment Lands Strategy be sent to the Department of State and Regional Development in accordance with funding obligations; and
- iv) Council consider the contents of the Draft Employment Lands Strategy on the basis of informing the Inverell Land Use Strategy; and
- v) The Draft Employment Lands Strategy be placed on exhibition as a reference document in conjunction with the Inverell Land Use Strategy.

DTS-A 2. WORKS/SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES S4.11.4

139/08 RESOLVED (Cameron/Baker) that:

- i) the Minutes of the Works/Services Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, 9 July, 2008 be received and noted; and
- ii) the following recommendations of the Works/Services Committee be adopted by Council:

1. SEWERAGE DUMP POINTS 21.8.14

That the Delungra Sewerage Dump Point be located at the Showground subject to the Trust's agreement.

2. ROADS AND TRAFFIC AUTHORITY (RTA) BLOCK GRANT S15.8.21

That:

- i) Council write to the Local Member and the RTA seeking assistance from the RTA in ensuring that future funding will provide for a realistic increase in the level of the Block Grant and associated Regional Road funding for the Main Road system; and*
- ii) A press release be prepared in this matter.*

3. PROPOSED AIRPORT SUBDIVISION 5.11.2

That Council continue investigations into the establishment of an airpark including consideration into appropriate planning issues.

4. INVERELL CBD – PLANE TREES S21.7.8

That:

- i) Further contact with the Royal Botanic Gardens be sought and that expert advice be gained from them regarding future actions with Plane Trees;*
- ii) Immediate action be taken with Inverell's Plane Trees ensuring that any action taken with the maintenance of the Plane Trees will in no way affect the growth of the trees and that all works be undertaken by Council's Horticultural contractors or experts in that field; and*
- iii) Action be taken to increase the non-paved area around the base of each of the Plane Tree trunks and where the metal grates have been moved by the root system that they be taken away and that ringed seating be provided around the base of the trees to increase the amenity for people within the CBD and also minimising opportunities for any potential issues.*

5. THE SYNTHETIC HOCKEY FIELD DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

That:

- i) the report be received and noted.*
- ii) That Council Staff continue to manage the project to achieve the optimum outcome for the community.*

6. WORKS COMMITTEE TOUR OF SOUTH EAST QUEENSLAND

That:

- i) A draft Infrastructure Development Standard be prepared for consideration by Council.*

- ii) *That an Urban Development Sunset Committee be established to further investigate and recommend to Council actions that would be:*
 - a. *Enhance the visual amenity of Inverell town and Villages.*
 - b. *Provide outdoor facilities to encourage a healthy lifestyle.*
 - c. *Encourage visitors to stay and so improve business viability.*
 - d. *An Urban Development that the Public art policies of both Toowoomba and Warwick Councils be obtained for consideration by Council.*

140/08 RESOLVED (Barnes/Baker) *that the Urban Development Sunset Committee be the Mayor, the chairpersons of the Finance/Budget, Works/Services and Planning/Community Committees and two (2) other Councillors.*

141/08 RESOLVED (Castledine/Baker) *that the two (2) other Councillor representatives to this Committee be Cr Barnes and Cr Irvine.*

DCS-A **3. FINANCE/BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES **S4.11.2****

142/08 RESOLVED (Baker/Cameron) *that:*

- i) *the Minutes of the Finance/Budget Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, 9 July, 2008 be received and noted; and*
- ii) *the following recommendations of the Finance/Budget Committee be adopted by Council:*
 - 1. REVISED MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT 4.12.1

That:

- i) *The revised Model Code of Conduct for Local Councils in NSW be adopted as Inverell Shire Council's Code of Conduct,*
- ii) *Council undertake a process to appoint three (3) persons to the Conduct Review Committee.*
- 2. DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT - PROMOTING BETTER PRACTICE REVIEW S14.6.3

That:

- i) *In respect of recommendation numbers: 3, 4, 6, 13, 14, 18, 21, 22, 27, 28, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 38, 41, 42, 46 and 47 it be noted that actions have been completed;*
- ii) *In respect of recommendation numbers 1, 2, 5, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 15, 16, 17, 19, 20, 23, 24, 25, 26, 29, 30, 37, 39, 40, 43, 44, 45, 48 and 49, it be noted that actions have been commenced to address the report recommendations;*
- iii) *It be noted that Council's existing meeting procedures work effectively and that this issue has not been raised in any other forum, Council not amend its Meeting Code in accordance with Recommendation 9 at this time; and*
- iv) *A further report be presented to the Committee in respect of Recommendation 31.*

- DCS-A 3. REQUEST FOR SPONSORSHIP FROM LAURIE LAWRENCE KIDS ALIVE DO THE FIVE DROWNING PREVENTION CAMPAIGN S12.22.1
- That the invitation to host a "Laurie Lawrence Kids Alive Do the Five (5)" Drowning Prevention Program be declined.*
- DCS-A 4. INVERELL SHIRE COUNCIL'S LICENCE AGREEMENTS COMMITTEE MEETING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR COUNCIL LAND 4.11.9
- That the Inverell Shire Council Licence Agreements Committee recommendations be received and adopted.*
- GM-A 5. NEW CRICKET WICKETS S21.1.1
- That Council seek to obtain a long term lease of the land identified for the construction of new cricket wickets in Inverell.*
6. EXPRESSION OF INTEREST - TO DISPOSE OF COUNCIL OWNED LAND S5.2.2
- That:*
- i) *the expression of interest from Greentrees Inverell Pty Ltd for the purchase of Lot 1, DP 548895, Short Street, Inverell, be accepted, including a condition that the purchase price will be \$250,000.*
- ii) *a Contract of Sale be prepared and any terms and conditions be negotiated by the General Manager; and*
- iii) *that all necessary documents be completed under the Common Seal of Council.*
- GM-A 7. CODE OF CONDUCT COMMITTEE
- 143/08 RESOLVED** (Baker/Lloyd) *that the Code of Conduct Committee members be Mr John Whitehouse (Minter Ellison), Mr Bob Finch (Forsyths) and Mr David Pryor (Community Representative) subject to their acceptance of membership of this Committee.*
- CIO-N 4. YOUTH COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES S24.10.3
- 144/08 RESOLVED** (Jones/Castledine) *that the Minutes of the Youth Council Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, 18 June, 2008 be received and noted.*
5. TOURISM ADVISORY SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES 8.6.6
- 145/08 RESOLVED** (Castledine/Jones) *that:*
- i) *the Minutes of the Tourism Advisory Sub-Committee Meeting held on Monday, 16 June, 2008 be received and noted; and*
- ii) *the following recommendations of the Tourism Advisory Sub-Committee be considered by Council:*

GM-A 1. KWIAMBAL NATIONAL PARK

That contact be made with the Regional Manager for the National Parks & Wildlife Service, David Dutallis, requesting that accommodation arrangements for Kwiambal National Park be finalised at the earliest opportunity and further, that an update be provided by the NP & WS on the car parking plan which is being prepared for 'The Junction'.

AO-A 6. INVERELL CAREER & EMPLOYMENT INITIATIVES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES 4.11.8

146/08 RESOLVED (Kneipp/Baker) that the Minutes of the Inverell Career & Employment Initiatives Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, 3 June, 2008 be received and noted.

AO-A 7. INVERELL CAREER & EMPLOYMENT INITIATIVES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES 4.11.8

147/08 RESOLVED (Kneipp/Baker) that the Minutes of the Inverell Career & Employment Initiatives Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, 1 July, 2008 be received and noted.

**SECTION I
INFORMATION REPORTS**

1. QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE & PUBLIC FORUM 13.5.5
2. MANAGEMENT TEAM MINUTES 4.11.5
3. CONSTRUCTION CERTIFICATES APPROVED BY COUNCIL FOR JUNE 2008 7.2.4
4. CONSTRUCTION CERTIFICATES APPROVED BY PRIVATE CERTIFIER FOR JUNE 2008 7.2.4
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12. STAFF MOVEMENTS: - 1 APRIL 2008 TO 30 JUNE 2008 22.25.1

13. **GRAVEL RESHEETING ON SHIRE ROADS** 28.21.1
14. **PARKS AND RESERVES** S21.8.1
15. **MAINTENANCE PROGRAMS** 28.21.1
16. **WASTE MANAGEMENT SUNSET COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES** 0.0.0
17. **ARTS NORTH WEST INC** S26.5.4

148/08 RESOLVED (Irvine/Jones) that the items contained in the Information Reports to the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Tuesday, 22 July, 2008 be received and noted.

18. **NSW RETAIL ELECTRICITY INDUSTRY**

149/08 RESOLVED (Barnes/Lloyd) that Council respectfully request the Member for Northern Tablelands, Hon Richard Torbay to introduce a Private Members Bill into State Parliament calling for a Referendum to be held on the Privatisation of the NSW Retail Electricity Industry and that MLC Rick Colless be respectfully requested to asked that his party support the conduct of the referendum on this matter.

19. **SINGLE INVITATION MAINTENANCE CONTRACT**

Mr Richard Jane, Acting Director Technical Services, provided Council with an overview of how works would be undertaken on the Gwydir Highway in the future and the implications for Council.

**SECTION J
QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE**

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| | QWN/ORD 69/08 | <u>Water Lettuce</u> | |
| | Cr Cameron | | Noted the success of the program being undertaken in this matter, circulating photos of the treatment area. Council staff and Queensland Department of Primary Industries staff should be commended in this matter. |
| | QWN/ORD 70/08 | <u>Smoke Free Areas</u> | |
| | Cr Lloyd | | Noted he would be raising this issue through the Committee process. |
| DTS-A | QWN/ORD 71/08 | <u>Wells Crossing</u> | 5.11.34 |
| | Cr Lewis | | Noted issues with toilet facilities and waste disposal at this location. Can the Department of Lands Grant funds be sought to upgrade these facilities? |
| DCS-A | QWN/ORD 72/08 | <u>Library Matters</u> | 3.6.1 |
| | Cr Barnes | | Can a Code of Conduct be developed for the Library noting recent behaviour of some Library Patrons? |
| | QWN/ORD 73/08 | <u>Warrant of Payments</u> | |
| | Cr Barnes | | Cr Barnes asked whether the "Warrant of Payments" could be provided to Councillors as occurred in the past. |

The Director Corporate Services noted the current DLG requirements and the practices followed in this matter on an internal audit basis.

GM-A **QWN/ORD 74/08** Electricity Prices S10.12.1
Cr Barnes

Noted the variation in electricity charges across the State and the higher charges paid by Country residents. Can the information tabled be provided to the Member for Northern Tablelands, the Hon Richard Torbay?

GM-A **QWN/ORD 75/08** Big W Development S5.2.54
Cr Irvine

Can a request be made to the developers for inclusion of a “Mothers Lounge” in the proposed development?

DCS-N **QWN/ORD 76/08** Library
Cr Baker

Could Council consider advertising its Library on the back of its envelopes?

ADJOURNMENT

At this juncture, the time being 3.01 pm, Council adjourned.

RESUMPTION

At this juncture, the time being 3.19 pm, Council reconvened.

QWN/ORD 77/08 Sale of Land – Rifle Range Road S5.2.49
GM

Asked that he be allowed to take a matter into Committee of Whole.

DTS-A **QWN/ORD 78/08** Disaster Plan
Cr Barnes

Noted the proposed national trucking strike and the possible implications for Communities. Does the LEMC have procedures in place to deal with this matter and the continuing supply of food and medical supplies?

How many days food and medical supplies are available in Inverell to cope with scenarios such as this?

150/08 RESOLVED (Lloyd/Baker) that Council seek a review of the Local Disaster Plan in this matter including a review of how food and medical supplies can be maintained for the Community in times of emergency.

SECTION K CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS IN CLOSED COUNCIL (SECTION 10A(2) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1993)

At 3.20 pm, the Chairman 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.

CLOSED COUNCIL REPORTS

151/08 RESOLVED (Kneipp/Jones) that Council proceed into Closed Council to discuss the matters referred to it, for the reasons stated in the motions of referral.

Upon resuming Open Council at 3.22 pm, the Chair 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:

1. CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT (CBD) PARKING S5.2.1

That:

- i) Council proceed to purchase Lot 9 DP774220 being 30 Sweaney Street, Inverell at a price of \$310,000 (GST inclusive);*
- ii) The land be classified as "Operational Land"; and*
- iii) All necessary documentation be completed under Council Seal.*

2. SALE OF LAND – RIFLE RANGE ROAD S5.2.49

That Council agree to an extension of the settlement date for Lot 7 and 8 Rifle Range Road, Inverell to 30 September, 2008, subject to the provision of a personal guarantee if required.

ADOPTION OF RECOMMENDATIONS

152/08 RESOLVED (Lloyd/Barnes) that the recommendations of Closed Council be adopted.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 3.55 pm.

CR B C JOHNSTON

CHAIRPERSON