

MINUTES OF THE PLANNING/COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, 144 OTHO STREET, INVERELL ON WEDNESDAY, 8 AUGUST, 2007, COMMENCING AT 8.30 AM.

PRESENT: Cr P H Lloyd (Chairman), Crs B C Johnston, D F Baker, P J Harmon and D C Jones.

Also in attendance: Cr H N Castledine.

Paul Henry (General Manager), Brett McInnes (Director Planning and Development) and Ken Beddie (Director Corporate Services).

APOLOGIES:

*RESOLVED (Baker/Jones) that the apology from Cr Mudaliar, due to personal reasons, be noted.*

SECTION A

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

*RESOLVED (Jones/Baker) that the Minutes of the Planning/Community Committee Meeting held on 11 July, 2007, as circulated to members, be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting.*

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

There were no interests declared.

3. PUBLIC FORUM 13.5.4

There were no Public Forum items.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Library Redevelopment

Practical completion of the contract occurred on 3 August, 2007. Work is continuing on the footpaths, internal kerbs and landscaping. Council's Technical Services staff will be completing the kerb and gutter works in the coming weeks.

Gwymac

Cr Lloyd enquired as to whether further discussions had been held with Gwymac. The General Manager advised the Committee in this matter.

SECTION C  
GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

1. 'SMALL IS SMART – TOWNS ON THE MOVE' 5.11.13

*RESOLVED (Harmon/Jones) that the information be received and noted.*

GM-A 2. CULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE S26.8.2

*RESOLVED (Johnston/Baker) that the Committee recommend to Council that:*

*a) the report be received and noted; and*

- b) a Council policy be developed in accordance with the points raised with community membership to be for rolling two (2) year periods.

SECTION F  
PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REPORTS

MES-A  
CIO-A 1. TOXIC COMPUTER WASTES 31.3.6

*RESOLVED (Jones/Johnston) that the Committee recommend to Council that:*

- a) Council pass a motion calling on the NSW Government to require manufacturers to collect and recycle waste computers as enabled under the Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Act, 2001;
- b) a survey be conducted by staff at the Inverell Landfill for internal purposes only;
- c) Council encourage other local Councils to include in all tenders related to Information Technology hardware, a selection criteria that addresses the suppliers e-waste management practices;
- d) Council enlists the support of the Local Government & Shires Association to achieve this aim; and
- e) Council publicise the alternatives available for the recycling of computer and other technology type wastes.

2. CEMETERY MAINTENANCE CONTRACT 5.11.37

*RESOLVED (Johnston/Jones) that the matter be referred to Closed Committee for consideration as:*

- a) 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);
- 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; and
- c) 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.

DPD-N 3. NSW PLANNING REFORM PROCESS S18.6.34

*RESOLVED (Jones/Harmon) that the Committee recommend to Council that:*

- a) the information regarding the planning reform process be received and noted; and
- b) the Director Planning and Development be commended in this matter.

DPD-A 4. SUNHAVEN HOSTEL REQUEST FOR CONSTRUCTION CERTIFICATE FEE REFUND DA-41/2007

*RESOLVED (Harmon/Jones) that the Committee recommend to Council that Council advise Sunhaven Hostel that Council is unable to accede to their request in this matter.*

- GM-A 5. BIODIVERSITY CERTIFICATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING  
DPD-A INSTRUMENTS S11.12.4

*RESOLVED (Johnston/Harmon) that the Committee recommend to Council that the matter of Biodiversity Certification be further investigated as part of the preparation process of their new comprehensive Shire wide Local Environmental Plan with the General Manager to liaise with the General Manager of the Catchment Management Authority to develop a joint approach in this matter.*

SECTION I  
INFORMATION REPORTS

1. WHERE DOES YOUR FISHING FEES GO? DVD 15.8.7

*RESOLVED (Harmon/Jones) that the item contained in the Information Report to the Planning/Community Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, 8 August, 2007 be received and noted.*

SUPPLEMENTARY  
SECTION I  
INFORMATION REPORTS

*RESOLVED (Harmon/Jones) that the Committee consider the following Supplementary Information Report 'Management of Noxious Weeds'.*

2. MANAGEMENT OF NOXIOUS WEEDS S11.12.6

*RESOLVED (Jones/Harmon) that the item contained in the Supplementary Information Report to the Planning/Community Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, 8 August, 2007 be received and noted.*

SECTION J  
GENERAL BUSINESS

- Cr Lloyd Macintyre Development Unit (MDU)

Cr Lloyd enquired whether Council had received a letter from MDU in respect of feral animal control and tree plantings.

- Cr Castledine Gilgai Public Hall

Cr Castledine noted that the Gilgai Public Hall Committee had received an insurance renewal notice, indicating an \$800 increase in the insurance premium. Cr Castledine enquired whether Council would consider utilising part of Gilgai's community vote to offset this increase. Representatives of the Hall Committee will meet with the General Manager regarding the matter.

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

At **9.50 am**, the Chairperson offered the opportunity to members of the public to make representations as to whether any part of the Committee Meeting should not be considered in Closed Committee. There was no response from the public.

CLOSED COMMITTEE REPORTS

*RESOLVED (Johnston/Harmon) that the Committee proceed into Closed Committee to discuss the matter referred to it, for the reason stated in the motion of referral.*

Upon resuming Open Committee, at 10.16 am, the Chair verbally reported that the Committee, with the Press and Public excluded, having considered the matter referred to it, recommends as follows:

MES-A 1. CEMETERY MAINTENANCE CONTRACT 5.11.37

*That the Committee recommend to Council that based on the expression of interest submitted for the maintenance of Council cemeteries that Council enter into a contract with Mrangalli Enterprises Pty Ltd for a period of three (3) years with a three (3) year option and further that the seal of Council be applied to the documentation in this matter.*

ADOPTION OF RECOMMENDATION

*RESOLVED (Johnston/Baker) that the recommendation from Closed Committee be adopted.*

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 10.33 am.

CR P H LLOYD

CHAIRMAN