

MINUTES OF THE PLANNING/COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, 144 OTHO STREET, INVERELL ON WEDNESDAY, 12 SEPTEMBER, 2007, COMMENCING AT 8.30 AM.

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

Also in attendance was Paul Henry (General Manager), Brett McInnes (Director Planning and Development), Ken Beddie (Director Corporate Services), Graham Bendeich (Acting Director Technical Services) and Les Tanner (Council Weeds Officer).

APOLOGIES:

RESOLVED (Cameron/Baker) that the apologies from Crs Harmon and Mudaliar be noted.

SECTION A

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED (Baker/Jones) that the Minutes of the Planning/Community Committee Meeting held on 8 August, 2007, as circulated to members, be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting.

RESOLVED (Baker/Jones) that the Minutes of the Planning/Community Committee Meeting held on 11 July, 2007, that were previously adopted at the August Planning/Community Committee Meeting, be readopted noting the amendment to the resolution for DA-82/2007 as approved and adopted at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Tuesday, 28 August, 2007, being Resolution 183/07.

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

The following interest was declared:

- Cr Jones declared a pecuniary interest in Supplementary Section F, Planning & Development Report, Item #7, "Road Naming". The nature of the interest relates to Cr Jones being the Consultant Engineer for the Subdivision.

3. PUBLIC FORUM 13.5.4

There were no Public Forum Items.

Suspension of Standing Orders

At this juncture, the time being 8.33 am, Standing Orders were suspended and the following Planning and Development Report, Item #4, was brought forward for the Committee's consideration.

DPD-A 4. MANAGEMENT OF NOXIOUS WEEDS 11.15.14

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

- i) *a Noxious Weeds Advisory Committee be formed for the purpose of advising the Director Planning and Development on the management of the noxious weeds function; and*

- ii) *three (3) Councillors be nominated for membership of that Committee, being Cr Cameron, Cr Lloyd and Cr Kneipp, with the Mayor being an ex-official member of the Committee.*

At this juncture, the time being 8.39 am, Les Tanner left the meeting.

Resumption of Standing Orders

At this juncture, the time being 8.40 am, Standing Orders resumed and the Committee considered the balance of the Agenda.

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Cultural Advisory Committee

The General Manager provided the Committee with an update in this matter.

SECTION F
PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REPORTS

DPD-A 1. VILLAGE OF DELUNGRA RESIDENTIAL LAND AVAILABILITY STUDY
S5.2.53

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

- i) *the Draft Village of Delungra Residential Land Availability Study be endorsed for the purpose of consultation with the Delungra District Development Council; and*
- ii) *a letter of recognition be provided to Kirsty Wilkes for her work in this matter.*

Suspension of Standing Orders

At this juncture, the time being 8.46 am, Standing Orders were suspended.

Onus Road

The General Manager advised the Committee of an issue affecting Onus Road. The road is not located completely within the Road Reserve. The General Manager indicated that the property owner was advised of Council's procedures in this matter. Council's solicitors are handling this matter.

Resumption of Standing Orders

At this juncture, the time being 8.58 am, Standing Orders resumed and the Committee considered the balance of the Agenda.

DPD-A 2. REVIEW OF LAND USE PLANNING IN THE CENTRAL WEST S8.3.3

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

- a) *the contents of the Review of Land Use Planning in the Central West Report be noted;*
- b) *Council continue with the finalisation of its Rural Land Use Study on the basis of the workshop outcomes of May, 2007; and*
- c) *Council prepare a submission in this matter and liaise with the Local Government Shires Association to ensure these matters are taken into consideration in the review.*

DPD-A 3. COMPANION ANIMAL MANAGEMENT PLAN S11.1.1

RESOLVED (Baker/Jones) that the Committee recommend to Council that the Draft Companion Animal Management Plan be placed on public exhibition and comment invited for a period of thirty (30) days.

4. MANAGEMENT OF NOXIOUS WEEDS 11.15.14

Item considered earlier in the meeting.

MES-A 5. COUNCIL PARTICIPATION IN NORTHERN INLAND REGIONAL WASTE GROUP 31.3.8

RESOLVED (Cameron/Jones) that the activities of the Northern Inland Regional Waste Group be acknowledged and the associated information noted.

DPD-A 6. FAST TRACK APPROVAL PROCESS – CLASS 10 BUILDINGS 7.15.1

RESOLVED (Cameron/Baker) that the Committee recommend to Council that they note the introduction of a new ‘fast track’ approval process for Class 10 Buildings.

SUPPLEMENTARY
SECTION F
PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT REPORTS

RESOLVED (Baker/Cameron) that the Committee consider the following Supplementary Planning & Development Report, ‘Road Naming’.

SP-A 7. ROAD NAMING DA-168/2005

Conflict of Interests – Code of Conduct (Section 6)

At this juncture, the time being 9.41 am, Cr Jones declared a pecuniary interest in respect of item #7 “Road Naming”, the nature of the interest relating to Cr Jones being the Consultant Engineer for the Subdivision.

Cr Jones left the meeting.

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

- i) Council take the appropriate steps to formally name the road as per the subdivision approved under DA-168/05; and*
- ii) Council authorise the Director Planning and Development, Mr Brett McInnes, to adopt Cockran Close and submit it for publication to the Government Gazette.*

At this juncture, the time being 9.49 am, Cr Jones returned to the meeting.

SECTION I
INFORMATION REPORTS

1. MR RICHARD TORBAY, MP CORRESPONDENCE – PLANNING REFORM SUBMISSION S18.6.34

2. ASHFORD CARAVAN PARK S5.10.110 & 21.7.1

3. CHEMICAL COLLECTION 31.3.7

4. FREE ACCESS TO INVERELL LANDFILL 31.8.1

5. NSW SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE – PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION TO SUPPORT A PROPOSAL TO LIST SLOANE'S FROGLET LITTLEJOHN 1958 AS A VULNERABLE SPECIES S11.12.4

6. DRUM MUSTER 31.3.2

RESOLVED (Johnston/Baker) that the items contained in the Information Reports to the Planning/Community Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, 12 September, 2007 be received and noted.

SUPPLEMENTARY
SECTION I
INFORMATION REPORT

RESOLVED (Johnston/Baker) that the Committee consider the following Supplementary Information Report, 'Innovation & Best Practice in Development Assessment'.

7. INNOVATION & BEST PRACTICE IN DEVELOPMENT ASSESSMENT
18.6.11

RESOLVED (Johnston/Baker) that the item contained in the Supplementary Information Report to the Planning/Community Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, 12 September, 2007 be received and noted.

ADJOURNMENT

At this juncture, the time being 10.05 am, the Committee adjourned.

RESUMPTION

At this juncture, the time being 10.20 am, the Committee reconvened.

SECTION J
GENERAL BUSINESS

Director Library Redevelopment

Corporate
Services

The Director Corporate Services advised the Committee that works on kerb and guttering, parking, footpaths and landscaping are progressing well. The staff room furniture is programmed for installation next week.

The official opening will be on 2 November, 2007 at 11 am.

- GM-A Cr Jones Mobile Phone Coverage 10.10.3

Cr Jones noted that a number of mobile phone tower submissions have been submitted for new sites within the Shire. These have previously been supported by Council.

RESOLVED (Johnston/Baker) that the Committee recommend to Council that Council support the concept of the provision of a range of mobile phone towers to provide full coverage of the Shire and surrounding area.

GM-A Cr Johnston Carparking Issues 28.27.2

Cr Johnston noted a development in the CBD and parking issues. The Director Planning and Development provided the Committee with details in this matter, and noted that the issue was to be dealt with by the Traffic Committee at a meeting to be held 26 September, 2007.

RESOLVED (Jones/Baker) that the Committee recommend to Council that the General Manager be delegated authority to take the necessary action to finalise this matter, following receipt of the determination of the Traffic Committee.

Cr Lloyd ADSL Broadband

Cr Lloyd noted that ADSL broadband is now available on Auburn Vale Road.

Director Library Services

Corporate
Services

The Director Corporate Services advised Committee members that the Manager Library Services position has been filled. Ms Kate Wanchap will commence duties with Council on 15 October, 2007. Ms Wanchap has extensive library experience and comes to Council highly recommended.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 11.01 am.

CR P H LLOYD

CHAIRMAN