



MOREE PLAINS SHIRE COUNCIL

27 APRIL 2017

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
AND SERVICES
COMMITTEE MEETING**

DRAFT MINUTES

Friday, 21 April 2017

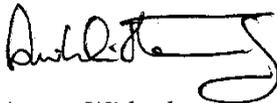
TO:

- Councillors
- General Manager
- Director – Corporate Services
- Director – Planning and Community Development
- Director – Engineering Services
- Manager – Water and Waste
- Manager – Executive Projects

Notice is hereby given that the **Community Development and Services Committee Meeting** will be held in the Council Chamber, the Max Centre, 30 Heber Street, Moree, on **Thursday, 27 April 2017** commencing at **2pm**.

Please note that all Council meetings are recorded.

Yours sincerely



Angus Witherby
DIRECTOR PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Agenda

1. Open Meeting
2. Apologies
3. Confirmation of Minutes
4. Declarations of Interest
5. Reports
 - a) Disability Inclusion Action Plan
 - b) Workshop – Council and Compliance Activities
 - c) Question on Notice Responses
6. Standing agenda item: Questions on Notice
7. Standing agenda item: Strategic Planning Proposals and Current Project Updates
8. Standing agenda item: Overseas Trade and Investment
9. Close meeting

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MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING
OF THE MOREE PLAINS SHIRE COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, HEBER
STREET, MOREE ON THURSDAY, 27 APRIL 2017, COMMENCING AT 2.07PM

PRESENT:

Councillors S Ritchie (Deputy Mayor), K Cassells, J Crawford, J Tramby OAM, S Price, M Montgomery AM and G Chiu.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr L Rodgers (General Manager), Mr A Witherby (Director of Planning and Community Development), Mr J Carleton (Executive Projects Manager), Mrs L Fisher (Project and Development Manager), Mr R Heatley (Acting Water and Waste Manager), Mr D Graham (Environment and Compliance Manager) and Mrs P Campbell (Planning and Building Support Officer)

APOLOGIES:

Councillor G Smith

LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

NIL

MINUTES:

17/04/01 RESOLVED (MONTGOMERY/PRICE):

That the Minutes from the Community Development and Services Committee Meeting held on 23 March 2017 be adopted.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

NIL

Due to the absence of Councillors K Humphries and K Cassells, Councillor S Ritchie was nominated Chairperson.

REPORT TITLE:	1. DISABILITY INCLUSION ACTION PLAN
REPORT FROM:	DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
FILE NUMBER:	FILE 16/572

SUMMARY:

Council is required to undertake disability inclusion action planning under the *NSW Disability Inclusion Act 2014* and have a standalone plan or integrated plan in place by July 2017.

To this end, Council has been working with 'Strategy 2 Action' consultants who have facilitated a planning process with Council managers and key staff, and conducted community consultation and engagement.

A draft Disability Inclusion Action Plan (DIAP) has been prepared for public exhibition and further community feedback prior to its finalisation.

The purpose of this report is to provide the draft DIAP to Council Committee and seek endorsement for the plan to be placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

1. That the Council Committee receive the draft Disability Inclusion Action Plan (DIAP) and recommend that Council endorse the document for public exhibition for a period of 28 days.
2. That this recommendation be brought forward for consideration at the ordinary Council meeting scheduled for 27 April 2017, to allow the final DIAP to be incorporated into the suite of Integrated Planning and Reporting Documents for 2017/18.

17/04/02 COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION (MONTGOMERY/CRAWFORD):

1. That the Council Committee receive the draft Disability Inclusion Action Plan (DIAP) and recommend that Council endorse the document as amended by the Committee for public exhibition for a period of 28 days.
2. That this recommendation be brought forward for consideration at the ordinary Council meeting scheduled for 27 April 2017, to allow the final DIAP to be incorporated into the suite of Integrated Planning and Reporting Documents for 2017/18.

REPORT TITLE:	2. WORKSHOP - COUNCIL AND COMPLIANCE ACTIVITIES
REPORT FROM:	DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
FILE NUMBER:	FILE 15/597

SUMMARY:

A Workshop has been prepared to assist Councillors to better understand the compliance activities of Council. This is part of a series of workshops around key aspects of Council's activities.

17/04/03 RESOLVED (CHIU/TRAMBY):

That the Committee move into workshop mode.

The Committee moved into workshop mode at the time being 2.27pm.

Mr L Rodgers arrived at the meeting, the time being 2.41pm

Councillor K Cassells arrived at the meeting, the time being 3:05pm

17/04/04 RESOLVED (PRICE /CRAWFORD):

That the Committee move out of workshop mode.

The Committee moved out of workshop mode at the time being 3.16pm.

17/04/05 COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION (PRICE/CHIU):

That the Committee receive the information disseminated in the workshop.

REPORT TITLE:	3. QUESTIONS ON NOTICE RESPONSES
REPORT FROM:	GENERAL MANAGER
FILE NUMBER:	FILE 15/183

SUMMARY:

Questions on Notice (QON) provide an opportunity for Councillors to ask questions of the General Manager which are then recorded within the meeting minutes and the Council's CRM system. Councillors have indicated that they would like to ensure that the responses to QONs not answered on the day are made available to the public through inclusion in business papers.

The purpose of this report is provide a copy of the QON responses in the next available committee meeting business paper for public viewing to maintain transparency. This report is for information purposes only and does not require a recommendation.

17/04/06 COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION (PRICE/CHIU):

That the Committee receive this report for information.

Questions on Notice:

Councillor Tramby:

1. **Through another member of the community, that was trying to get a toilet block at the netballs, she spoke to somebody who builds toilets, and said they came up to see Council about the one at Gurley. Well now, I understood that Gurley was going to get one of those exeloo's, it was funded, it was self-cleaning, and that's the only one we can have at Gurley, I believe. And I believe now, someone's made the decision to put in an el - cheapo tin shed one in there, for a lot less money, not self-cleaning, without coming back to Council.**

*Planning and Community Development Director, Angus Witherby:
We will have to take that on notice.*

*General Manager, Lester Rodgers:
I am not aware of any changes but will certainly take it on notice.*

A further response required.

Councillor Price:

1. **On the way in today, I noticed that on the stock route, north of Ashley, the tree pear seems to be more prevalent than it used to be. I just wondered if our Noxious Weeds Officers can have a look at that and if there's something we could do, or if it's LOS responsibility?**

*Planning and Community Development Director, Angus Witherby:
I will pass that onto our Weeds Officers Councillor Price.*

*General Manager, Lester Rodgers:
We will look to educate the LOS in relation to their responsibilities.*

Well, in addition if we could liaise with the LOS, to do something about the box thorn. It is sad to see the state of the stock route north of Moree.

*General Manager, Lester Rodgers:
Can I ask, through you Mr Chairman, is it, to your knowledge Councillor Price, on the open stock route? As most of the stock route now or a large proportion of the stock route is actually leased by adjoining land owners, so is it within a fenced area? Because if it is within a fenced area, the leasee then has ongoing obligations to control the noxious weeds, whereas if it is just the open stock route, it's a state government agency.*

I really noticed it just before Ashley Gin - Watervale. On the right hand side and to my knowledge it isn't fenced. But if we are going to liaise with the LOS, Conrad Bolton, probably 12 months ago, said he was doing an experiment to see if they could remove

some of the box thorn to try to control it. Haven't heard anything more about it, whether it was successful or completed. But I can't see any evidence of it.

No further response required.

Councillor K Humphries arrived at the meeting, the time being 3:25pm

Councillor Tramby:

- 2. Talking about leasing stock routes, I never have looked it up, but Councillor Montgomery in his previous life kept on saying that if they lease these stock routes for more than 6 months, they have to pay rates. Now they have been leasing these stock routes now for 3 and 5 years. I believe we can start rating those areas that are now being leased by the LOS to the individual land owners.**

A further response required.

- 3. Long list of donations. I brought it up at the last finance meeting and the comment was that Council will just make them automatic and roll them over. But I believe this Council has the opportunity and the right, to review all our donations list and say yes or no to them because it is a new Council and the decision was made by the old Council.**

General Manager, Lester Rodgers:

And that is what we agreed to do, Councillor Tramby, was to bring the comprehensive list back, entirely to Council's prerogative, to initially review and determine whether or not you want to make any changes. And that was the workshop discussion and we agreed to bring it back to Council to look at.

May I add, the tent fund automatic thing, but Tourism actually claim they apply each year for this, it doesn't automatically roll over. I think the same should happen with the rest.

No further response required.

Councillor Montgomery:

- 1. Every time the Premier opens her mouth, she talks about, you know how 30% of whatever they are selling this week, is going to go to the bush. Have we got a handle on this? You know they are selling the Land Titles Office, I think, and it was \$1.5billion or \$1.2billion or something, and 30% of that was going to; and I think we should be putting our hand up and saying we want 30% of this, or whatever.**

General Manager, Lester Rodgers:

Certainly take it on notice and get some clarification. The high ground that is being claimed by the State Government, is that they are saying that they are making the funds available, that we then have

to apply for, such as project grant funding and so forth. And so it's not a dividend that's being paid to the bush, it's a pool of money that's being created to which we can apply for. The latest round, to which we have multiple and I think there is a priority report that come from one the committee meetings in the business paper today, seeking Council's formal endorsement to a suite of grant applications that are being made to a fund, which is in the order of \$100million, that has been generated by the State Government, allocating these funds by sell offs and so forth.

Strategic Planning Proposals and Current Projects Updates:

NIL

Overseas Trade and Investment:

NIL

There being no further business, the meeting closed at the time being 3.47 pm.
