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PRESENT Clr K O'Ryan (in the Chair), J Jones, J Weaver, A Pearson.

Also present were the General Manager, Deputy General Manager - Cabonne Services, Leader - Community & Economy, Department Leader - Community Services, Children's Services Supervisor, Children's Services Support Officer and Executive Support Officer.

ITEMS FOR DETERMINATION

ITEM - 11 ELECTION OF COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON & DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON

Proceedings in Brief

Deputy General Manager Cabonne Services advised that this item was issued as a tabled report and was required to be the first item of the meeting.

Deputy General Manager Cabonne Services called for nominations for the position of Chairperson.

Clr O'Ryan nominated Clr Jones. Clr Jones declined the nomination.

Clr Weaver nominated Clr O'Ryan as Chairperson, seconded by Clr Jones. Clr O'Ryan accepted the nomination.

The Deputy General Manager Cabonne Services advised that there being no other nominations, Clr O'Ryan is elected Chairperson for the term of council.

Deputy General Manager Cabonne Services called for nominations for the position of Deputy Chairperson.

Clr O'Ryan nominated Clr Weaver, Clr Weaver accepted the nomination, seconded by Clr Jones.

The Deputy General Manager Cabonne Services advised that there being no other nominations, Clr Weaver is elected Deputy Chairperson for the term of council.

RECOMMENDATION (Jones/Weaver)

THAT Clr O'Ryan be elected as Chairperson and Clr Weaver as Deputy Chairperson for the term of council.

CEC 25/01 Carried

ITEM - 1 APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Proceedings in Brief

An apology was tendered on behalf of Clr Beatty.

RECOMMENDATION (Jones/Weaver)

THAT the apology tendered on behalf of Clr Beatty be accepted and the necessary leave of absence be granted.

CEC 25/02 Carried

ITEM - 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

RECOMMENDATION (Weaver/Jones)

THAT the Declarations of Interest be noted.

CEC 25/03 Carried

ITEM - 3 DECLARATIONS OF POLITICAL DONATION

RECOMMENDATION (Weaver/Pearson)

THAT any political donations be noted.

CEC 25/04 Carried

ITEM - 4 COMMUNITY AND ECONOMY UPDATE

Proceedings in Brief

Leader Community and Economy advised the committee that the Cabonne map is in the finalisation stages and will be presented to the committee before going to print.

As a result of a question from Clr O'Ryan, Leader Community and Economy advised that there had been an error in the reporting of the Discover Cabonne facebook statistics and that this will be rectified.

Leader Community and Economy advised the committee that a facebook post will be made to remind communities of e-newsletter as preferred source of communication and encouraging them to sign up for this. Discussions were held surrounding the relevancy of the click through data provided for the e-newsletter, Leader Community and Economy advised the committee that this was helpful in identify trending topics.

Clr Weaver advised that positive feedback has been received regarding the Canowindra Town Centre and River Precinct Activation area. Clr Jones congratulated staff on the delivery of this project.

Clr Jones thanked staff that supported Mayor and villages with their various Australia Day events and congratulated all award recipients, in particular Hayley Stephens on her representation as Cabonne Youth Ambassador.

Clr Weaver thanked staff for assistance provided to the Canowindra Progress Association in regards to Christmas Markets and Shopping Night event conducted under the Open Streets Program.

As a result of a question for Clr Weaver, Leader Community and Economy explained to the committee how the Commbak IQ visitation and spend data is calculated.

As a result of a question for Clr Jones in relation to the business scorecard, Leader Community and Economy advised the committee of the meanings of 'life on the land' and 'country side elite' and further advised that the meanings will be included in next report.

RECOMMENDATION (Weaver/Jones)

THAT the information in the report be noted.

CEC 25/05 Carried

ITEM - 5 CABONNE COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Proceedings in Brief

Clr Jones spoke of the benefits of the new committee, stating that it provides opportunity for cross-collaboration and for communities to identify council challenges.

Clr O'Ryan called for nominations. Clr Jones, Clr Weaver and Clr Pearson expressed their interest.

Clr O'Ryan nominated Clr Weaver.

Clr Pearson rescinded his expression of interest.

Clr O'Ryan nominated Clr Weaver and Clr Jones. Clr Weaver and Clr Jones accepted.

RECOMMENDATION (Jones/Pearson)

THAT the Community, Economy and Culture Committee appoint Clr Weaver and Clr Jones as members to the Cabonne Community Stakeholder Advisory Committee.

CEC 25/06 Carried

ITEM - 6 EXEMPTION TO THE ALCOHOL-FREE ZONE IN CANOWINDRA AND THE ALCOHOL PROHIBITED AREA

RECOMMENDATION (Weaver/Jones)

THAT the Community, Economy and Culture Committee endorse Council to:

- Agree to the request from the Canowindra Progress Association to suspend the alcohol-free zone for Gaskill Street, Canowindra, including road reserve/footpath for the 2025 Canowindra Balloon Challenge, and
- 2. Advertises the changes in *The Canowindra Phoenix* and *The Canowindra News* prior to the event.

CEC 25/07 Carried

ITEM - 7 COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM 2024/25

Proceedings in Brief

Clr Jones expressed his support for the name change as it provides differentiation from the State Government program.

RECOMMENDATION (Jones/Pearson)

THAT the Community, Economy and Culture Committee approves:

- 1. Opening the 2024-25 Cabonne Community Assistance Program Round 2, and
- 2. Changing the name of the Community Assistance Program to the Cabonne Community Assistance Program.

CEC 25/08 Carried

ITEM - 8 EVENTS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Proceedings in Brief

Leader Community and Economy advised the committee that a late application had been received and will be reported to the February council meeting.

RECOMMENDATION (Weaver/Jones)

THAT the Community, Economy and Culture Committee endorse council to provide, under its 2024/25 Event Assistance Program, \$3,000 for the Eugowra Masters of the Mandagery event.

CEC 25/09 Carried

ITEM - 9 SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

Proceedings in Brief

As a result of a comment from Clr Jones, Leader Community and Economy advised that the recommended amount of funding, although different to the requested amount of funding, is in line with maximum amount of funding recommended under the guidelines.

Clr Jones noted that this is the most funding provided to any event in our Shire.

RECOMMENDATION (Jones/Weaver)

THAT the Community, Economy and Culture Committee endorse Council to provide, under its 2024/2025 Sponsorship Program, a donation of \$20,000 to Canowindra Challenge Inc for the 2025 Cabonne Community Balloon Glow event.

CEC 25/10 Carried

ITEM - 10 COMMUNITY SERVICES UPDATE

Proceedings in Brief

Clr Weaver noted the growth of the service as reflected in the report.

As a result of a question Clr O'Ryan, Department Leader Community Services advised that the new single assessment program to be implemented under the new Support at Home Program is designed to be the first point of call and streamline the number of assessments that people will require.

Clr Weaver made a suggestion that the Community Services department approach Lions Clubs in an attempt to recruit community transport drivers.

As a result of a question from Clr O'Ryan, it was noted that the figures provided in the CHSP Data Exchange Report were in relation to client contributions.

Discussions were held surrounding the difficulties in providing child care.

Department Leader Community Services provided the committee with an update on new Out of School Hours services in Cudal & Nashdale.

As a result of a query from Clr Weaver in regards to vandalism in Canowindra, discussions were held surrounding what could be done to discourage this. Department Leader Community Services advised that she would follow up with Canowindra Connections Centre, will also need to work with schools and police.

Clr Jones requested a follow up report from the Human Rights and STEM workshop.

Department Leader Community Services advised the committee that Molong library has requested additional hours for Storytime, this will have implication on budget.

Clr Jones noted the good attendance rate for Molong. Hope that this will be reflected for Canowindra when new library in completed.

RECOMMENDATION (Weaver/Jones)

THAT the information be noted.

CEC 25/11

Carried

It was noted, that Item 11 was moved to be dealt with as the first Item of the meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 12:52pm.