

CASTLEREAGH MACQUARIE COUNTY COUNCIL MINUTES

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CASTLEREAGH MACQUARIE COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL CHAMBER, WALGETT ON WEDNESDAY 7 MAY 2014 COMMENCING AT 10:10AM

1. PRESENT: N. Kinsey (Chairman), M. Coe (10.25 am), P. Shinton, A. Van Lubeck, D. Batten, I Woodcock, R. Greenaway and M. Webb,

Staff Members: Don Ramsland (General Manager), John Unwin (Acting Chief Weeds Officer) and Kevin Watling/Ian Proust (Gilgandra Weeds Officers).

Visitor: Nil.

2. **APOLOGIES:** I. Woodcock, Woodcock, M. Coe (late) and P. Shinton (late).

06/14/1 Resolved:

That apologies from Clrs. I. Woodcock, M. Coe (late arrival) and p. Shinton (late) be accepted and leave of absence be granted.

Moved: Clr Webb

Seconded: Clr Greenaway

Carried

3. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Nil

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

05/14/2 Resolved:

That the minutes of the Castlereagh Macquarie County Council meeting held at Coonabarabran on Wednesday 5 March, 2014 having been circulated, be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

Moved: Clr Batten

Seconded: Clr Webb

Carried

5. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Clr Noel Kinsey reported as follows:

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A retired Warren Shire Councillor, Mr David Wass, died yesterday. He had also been a devoted CMCC delegate and Chairman for a number of years before my time. David was genuinely good bloke and will be missed by all who knew him.

I have come to the conclusion that if people don't get serious about weeds control then we will continue to go backwards. The fact that nurseries can sell plants that are considered to be weeds defies all logic. I was at Blackheath recently and they had blackberries for sale. Bunnings retails hundreds of cacti all over the country as do other retailers.

I can't help but wonder what the next cacti scourge will be.

The NSW Review of Weeds Management seminar held at the Dubbo RSL was well attended by CMCC delegates and a lot of pointed questions were asked. It will be interesting to see what comes out of the review.

Harrisia Cacti is spreading at "Cathundrel" (Nevertire) being found in new areas.

Again I would like to express my thanks to General Manager Don Ramsland for his work over the last ten weeks. Finally a welcome to Bruce Timmins and John Unwin.

Clrs Shinton and Coe arrived at the meeting at 10.15 am

05/14/3 Resolved:

That the Chairman's report be received and noted.

Moved: Clr Kinsey

Seconded: Clr Greenaway

Carried

6. MATTERS ARISING

There was general discussion in relation to the NSW Weeds Review Seminar held in Dubbo on 21 March, 2014

7. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Item 7.1 Bank Reconciliation as at 31 March, 2014

Recommendation: That the Statement of Bank Balances as 31 March, 2014 be received and noted.

05/14/4 Resolved:

That the Bank Reconciliation as at 31 March, 2014 be received and noted.

Moved: Clr Batten

Seconded: Clr Peart

Carried

Item 7.2 Quarterly Budget Review Statement to 31 March, 2014

Recommendation: That the Quarterly Budget Review statement for the period ended 31 March, 2014 be received and noted and the recommended variations to the revised budget as detailed in the Review be adopted.

05/14/5 Resolved:

That the Quarterly Budget Review Statement for the period ended 31 March, 2014, be received and noted and the recommended variations to the revised budget as detailed in the Review be adopted.

Moved: Clr Greenaway

Seconded: Clr Shinton

Carried

Item 7.3 Sourcing of Additional Grant Funds – Hudson Pear

Recommendation: That the General Manager’s Report with regards grant funding totalling \$150,000 for Hudson Pear Control be received and noted and the action taken by the General Manager in executing the two contracts involved and securing an appropriately qualified and experienced contractor to undertake the strategic/Risk analysis be endorsed.

05/14/6 Resolved:

That the General Manager’s Report with regards grant funding totalling \$150,000 for Hudson Pear Control be received and noted and the action taken by the General Manager in executing the two contracts involved and securing an appropriately qualified and experienced contractor to undertake the strategic/Risk analysis be endorsed.

Moved: Clr Peart

Seconded: Clr Webb

Carried

Item 7.4 Organisational Restructure Report – Progress

This matter was held over for consideration in the Confidential Section of the meeting

Item 7.5 Matters for Information or Brief Mention

Recommendation: For the Council’s information.

05/14/7 Resolved:

That the submission prepared by the General Manager with regards the review of Weeds Management in NSW be received and noted and the action taken by the General Manager in lodging the submission be endorsed.

Moved: Clr Van Lubeck

Seconded: Clr Batten

Carried

05/14/8 Resolved:

That the Castlereagh Macquarie County Council encourage constituent councils, Local Land Services and OROC to write to the Minister for Agriculture making representations to have the implementation of the “permitted list” for the sale of plants within NSW for all species brought forward to twelve months.

Moved: Clr Batten

Seconded: Clr van Lubeck

Carried

Item 7.6 Consideration of Quotation – Hudson Pear Strategic/Risk Analysis

Recommendation: That the quotation submitted by Mr Ken Harrison in the sum of \$29,140 for undertaking the Hudson Pear Strategic/Risk Analysis be accepted.

05/14/9 Resolved:

That the quotation submitted by Mr Ken Harrison in the sum of \$29,140 for undertaking the Hudson Pear Strategic/Risk Analysis be accepted.

Moved: Clr Peart

Seconded: Clr Webb

Carried

8. ACTING CHIEF WEEDS OFFICER’S REPORT

8.1 Noxious Plant Report

Gilgandra Noxious Plant Report

Recommendation: That Council receive and note the Noxious Plant report for Gilgandra

05/14/10 Resolved:

That Council receive and confirm Noxious Plant report for Gilgandra.

Moved: Clr Peart

Seconded: Clr Webb

Carried

Warrumbungle Noxious Plant Report

Recommendation: That Council receive and note the Noxious Plant report for Warrumbungle

05/14/11 Resolved:

That Council receive and confirm Noxious Plant report for Warrumbungle.

Moved: Clr Peart

Seconded: Clr Webb

Carried

Coonamble Noxious Plant Report

Recommendation: That Council receive and note the Noxious Plant report for Coonamble

05/14/12 Resolved:

That Council receive and confirm Noxious Plant report for Coonamble

Moved: Clr Peart

Seconded: Clr Webb

Carried

Walgett Noxious Plant Report

Recommendation: That Council receive and note the Noxious Plant report for Walgett

05/14/13 Resolved:

That Council receive and confirm Noxious Plant report for Walgett

Moved: Clr Peart

Seconded: Clr Webb

Carried

Warren Noxious Plant Report

Recommendation: That Council receive and note the Noxious Plant report for Warren

05/14/14 Resolved:

That Council receive and confirm Noxious Plant report for Warren

Moved: Clr Peart

Seconded: Clr Webb

Carried

CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

1. Motion to move in to Confidential Session

05/14/11 Resolved:

That at 11.30 am Council move into Confidential session and that the public be excluded from the meeting pursuant to Section 10A (2) (a) and (c) of the Local Government Act 1993 on the basis that the matters being considered are in relation to staff and/or commercial in confidence.

Moved: Clr Peart

Seconded: Clr Webb

Carried

2. Property Inspections Report

Recommendation: That the Property Inspections Report be received and noted as a whole

05/14/12 Resolved:

That Council receive and note all confidential Property Inspections report matters as a whole

Moved: Clr Webb

Seconded: Clr Greenaway

Carried

At 12.05 pm Messrs John Unwin and Bruce Timmins left the meeting.

7.4 Organisational Restructure Report - Progress

Recommendation: For Council's consideration

The General Manager table a report which detailed the action taken to date in respect of the twelve point resolution passed by council at its 5 March, 2014 meeting. The General Manager also

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indicated that eight staff had now requested voluntary redundancies and four voluntary redundancies were being negotiated with Coonamble based staff, two redundancy requests at Coonamble would be refused and that the vacant position at Warren would be advertised shortly. He also advised that the Chief Weeds Officer was on extended sick leave and that in view of this, redundancy requests from two the Coonabarabran staff had been put on hold as Mr John Unwin from Coonabarabran was acting as Chief Weeds Officer. No action would be taken with the Gilgandra staff until the Warren vacancy had been resolved.

05/14/13 Resolved:

That the General Manager's on the progress of the organisational restructure be received and noted and the action being taken endorsed.

Moved: Clr Webb

Seconded: Clr Greenaway

Carried

Motion to move out of Confidential

3. Motion to move out of Confidential Session

05/14/14 Resolved:

That at 1.20 pm Council move out of Confidential Session.

Moved: Clr Peart

Seconded: Clr Greenaway

Carried

4. Adoption of Committee Recommendations

05/14/15 Resolved:

That the following recommendation for the Confidential Committee be adopted:

1. That the General Manager's on the progress of the organisational restructure be received and noted and the action being taken endorsed.

Moved: Clr Shinton

Seconded: Clr Coe

Carried

General Business

1. Change of Format for Weeds Officer's Reports:

The General Manager was requested to review the format of weeds officers' reports to include hours booked out to particular jobs/strategies, roadside areas sprayed, details of inspections, enforcements recommended and achieved and kms travelled.

2. Roadside Guideposts:

The General Manager was requested to investigate the possibility of undertaking the spraying around guideposts on major roads on behalf of constituent councils.

3. Leave of Absence:

Clr Peart lodged an apology for the June, 2014 meeting as he will be away

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was re-scheduled for Wednesday, 25 June, 2014 at Gilgandra.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CONCLUDED AT 1.30 PM

To be confirmed as a true and accurate record at the Council Meeting held on 25 June, 2014.

CHAIRMAN

GENERAL MANAGER