

CASTLEREAGH MACQUARIE COUNTY COUNCIL MINUTES

MINUTES OF THE POSTPONED MEETING OF THE CASTLEREAGH MACQUARIE COUNTY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS COONABARABRAN ON WEDNESDAY 8 May 2013 COMMENCING AT 9.20 AM

PRESENT: N Kinsey (Chairman), M. Coe, I Woodcock, D Batten and G Peart, P Shinton and M Webb.

Staff Members: Don Ramsland and Ian Kelly.

Visitors: Nil.

1. APOLOGIES: R. Greenaway, D Schieb and A Van Lubeck.

13/04/1 Resolved:

That the apologies from Clrs R. Greenaway, D.Schieb and A Van Lubeck be accepted and leave of absence be granted.

Moved: Clr Webb

Seconded: Clr Shinton

Carried

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

13/04/2 Resolved:

That the minutes of the Castlereagh Macquarie County Council meeting held Warren on Wednesday 20 February 2013, having been circulated, be confirmed as a true and fair record subject to the following amendments:

Minute 13/02/22 "Advanced Diploma in Agribusiness" be inserted in lieu of "Agribusiness (Weeds) Management"

and the comment in General Business by Mr Ian Kelly include the statement that "Weed control on a roadside is a council responsibility"

Moved: Clr Coe

Seconded: Clr Peart

Carried

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

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Nil

4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman reported verbally that he had met with the Member for Barwon Hon. Kevin Humphries at Warren on 3 April, 2013 and had raised the issue of Hudson Pear at Lightning Ridge as its spread had exploded recently. He also advised that Harrisia Cactus had been found at Warren.

Councillor Kinsey also raised the issue of Council's business paper not showing up on time and the Weeds Officer's Report was not accessible. He indicated he believed the report should be circulated 15 days before each meeting.

3/04/3 Resolved:

That the Chairman's verbal report be received and noted

Moved: Clr Kinsey

Seconded: Clr Webb

Carried

Motion to move into Confidential Session

13/04/4 Resolved:

That at 9.30 am Council move into Confidential session and that the public and all staff except the General Manager be excluded from the meeting pursuant to Section 10A (2) (c) of the Local Government Act 1993 on the basis that the matters being considered are commercial in confidence.

Moved: Clr Batten

Seconded: Clr Webb

Carried

Chief Weeds Officer Ian Kelly left the meeting at 9.30 am

Operational Plan and Budget – 2013/2014

Recommendation: That Council consider the draft 14 point restructure proposal tabled by the General manager and determine what action should be taken in conjunction with the 2013/2014 Operational Plan and Budget to rectify Council's unsustainable financial position as soon as possible.

13/04/5 Recommendation:

That the General Manager provide a report back to an Extraordinary Meeting of Council in relation to the items raised:

- new organisational/staffing structure
- what the new structure would achieve
- what the new structure would cost
- how to implement proposed changes
- review depot operations
- rationalisation of assets

Moved: Clr Batten

Seconded: Clr Shinton

Carried

Motion to move out of Confidential Session

13/04/6 Resolved: That at 10.50 am Council move out of Confidential Session.

Moved: Clr Webb

Seconded: Clr Shinton

Carried

Adoption of Committee Recommendation

13/04/7 Resolved:

That the following recommendations for the Confidential Committee be adopted:

That the General Manager provide a report back to an Extraordinary Meeting of Council in relation to the items raised:

- new organisational/staffing structure
- what the new structure would achieve
- what the new structure would cost
- how to implement proposed changes
- review depot operations
- rationalisation of assets

Moved: Clr Batten

Seconded: Clr Shinton

Carried

Chief Weeds Officer Ian Kelly returned to the meeting at 10.50 am

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The meeting adjourned for morning tea at 10.52 am and resumed at 11.10 am

5. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Item 5.1 Bank Reconciliation as at 31 March 2013

Recommendation: That the Statement of Bank Balances as 31 March, 2013 be received and noted.

10/04/8 Resolved:

That the Bank Reconciliation as at 31 March, 2013 be received and noted.

Moved: Clr Webb

Seconded: Clr Batten

Carried

Item 5.2 External Auditor – Expressions of Interest

Recommendation: That Council invite expressions of interest for the provision of external audit services for a six year period commencing 1 July, 2013 on a joint basis with the Councils of Coonamble, Warren, Gilgandra, Warrumbungle and Walgett.

10/04/9 Resolved:

That Council invite expressions of interest for the provision of external audit services for a six year period commencing 1 July, 2013 on a joint basis with the Councils of Coonamble, Warren, Gilgandra, Warrumbungle and Walgett.

Moved: Clr Shinton

Seconded: Clr Webb

Carried

Item 5.3 Adoption of Model Code of Conduct

Recommendation: That Council adopt the new Model Code of Conduct in its entirety with the only change being the identification of "token Gifts" as being gifts with a value below \$50.

10/04/10 Resolved:

That Council adopt the new Model Code of Conduct in its entirety with the only change being the identification of "token Gifts" as being gifts with a value below \$50.

Moved: Clr Batten

Seconded: Clr Coe

Carried

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Item 5.4 Quarterly Budget Review Statement – Quarter Ended 31 March 2013

10/04/11 Resolved:

That this matter be deferred for further consideration at Extraordinary Meeting of Council to be held at a date to be advised.

Moved: Clr Batten

Seconded: Clr Shinton

Carried

Item 5.5 Brewarrina Shire Council – Possible Partnership Opportunity

Recommendation: That in the short term, Council offer to carry out a fixed programme of weeds control work on behalf of Brewarrina Shire on a sundry debtor basis and also provide appropriate details with regards joining the County as a constituent council.

10/04/12 Resolved:

That in the short term, Council offer to carry out a fixed programme of weeds control work on behalf of Brewarrina Shire on a sundry debtor basis and also provide appropriate details with regards joining the County as a constituent council.

Moved: Clr Shinton

Seconded: Clr Webb

Carried

Item 5.6 Hudson Pear Issue

Recommendation: That Council endorse action taken to lodge an application for a matching grant of \$100,000 under the Weeds Innovation Management Fund of the DPI Weeds Action Plan

10/04/13 Resolved:

That Council endorse action taken to lodge an application for a matching grant of \$100,000 under the Weeds Innovation Management Fund of the DPI Weeds Action Plan

Moved: Clr Webb

Seconded: Clr Woodcock

Carried

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Item 5.7 Independent Local Government Review Panel – Update of Progress

10/04/14 Resolved:

That this matter be deferred for further consideration at Extraordinary Meeting of Council to be held at a date to be advised.

Moved: Clr Webb

Seconded: Clr Woodcock

Carried

Item 5.8 Review of Business Activity Strategic Plan 2013/14 – 2022/23

10/04/15 Resolved:

That this matter be deferred for further consideration at Extraordinary Meeting of Council to be held at a date to be advised.

Moved: Clr Webb

Seconded: Clr Batten

Carried

Item 5.9 Review of Delivery Programme 2012/2013 – 2015/2016

10/04/16 Resolved:

That this matter be deferred for further consideration at Extraordinary Meeting of Council to be held at a date to be advised.

Moved: Clr Webb

Seconded: Clr Batten

Carried

Item 5.10 Operational Plan 2013/2014

10/04/17 Resolved:

That this matter be deferred for further consideration at Extraordinary Meeting of Council to be held at a date to be advised.

Moved: Clr Webb

Seconded: Clr Batten

Carried

Item 5.11 Matters for Brief Mention or Information Only

Recommendation: For Council's information.

10/04/18 Resolved:

That the matters listed for brief mention or information only be received and noted.

Moved: Clr Batten

Seconded: Clr Shinton

Carried

Item 5.12 Community Engagement and Information Strategy

Recommendation: That the attached Community Engagement and Information Strategy be adopted. .

10/04/19 Resolved:

That the attached Community Engagement and Information Strategy be adopted.

Moved: Clr Webb

Seconded: Clr Peart

Carried

6. CHIEF WEEDS OFFICER'S REPORT

6.1 Chief Weeds Officer's Overall Review

Recommendation: For Council's information.

10/04/18 Resolved:

That the Chief Weeds Officer's Overall Review received and noted

Moved: Clr Webb

Seconded: Clr Shinton

Carried

10/04/19 Resolved:

That a letter be forwarded to JV Holland requesting details of the action they are taking to control weeds on state rail land.

Moved: Clr Batten

Seconded: Clr Coe

Carried

6.2 Noxious Plant Reports

Gilgandra Noxious Plant Report

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

10/04/20 Resolved:

That Council receive and confirm Noxious Plant report for Gilgandra.

Moved: Clr Webb

Seconded: Clr Peart

Carried

Warrumbungle Noxious Plant Report

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

10/04/ 20 Resolved:

That Council receive and confirm Noxious Plant report for Warrumbungle.

Moved: Clr Webb

Seconded: Clr Peart

Carried

Coonamble Noxious Plant Report

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

10/04/21 Resolved:

That Council receive and confirm Noxious Plant report for Coonamble

Moved: Clr Webb

Seconded: Clr Peart

Carried

Walgett Noxious Plant Report

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

10/04/22 Resolved:

That Council receive and confirm Noxious Plant report for Walgett

Moved: Clr Webb

Seconded: Clr Peart

Carried

Warren Noxious Plant Report

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

10/04/23 Resolved:

That Council receive and confirm Noxious Plant report for Warren

Moved: Clr Webb

Seconded: Clr Peart

Carried

7. CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

7.1 Motion to move onto Confidential Session

10/04/24 Resolved:

That at 11.37pm Council move into Confidential session and that the public be excluded from the meeting pursuant to Section 10A (2) (c) of the Local Government Act 1993 on the basis that the matters being considered are commercial in confidence.

Moved: Clr Batten

Seconded: Clr Webb

Carried

7.2 Property Inspections Report

Gilgandra Property Inspection Report

Recommendation: That Council receive and note the Property Inspection Report for Gilgandra

10/04/25 Recommended:

That Council receive and confirm Property Inspection Report for Gilgandra.

Moved: Clr Peart

Seconded: Clr Webb

Carried

Warrumbungle Property Inspection Noxious Plant Report

Recommendation: That Council receive and note the Property Inspection Report for Warrumbungle

10/04/26 Recommended:

That Council receive and confirm Property Inspection Report for Warrumbungle.

Moved: Clr Peart

Seconded: Clr Webb

Carried

Coonamble Property Inspection Noxious Plant Report

Recommendation: That Council receive and note the Property Inspection Report for Coonamble

10/04/27 Recommended:

That Council receive and confirm Property Inspection Report for Coonamble

Moved: Clr Peart

Seconded: Clr Webb

Carried

Walgett Property Inspection Noxious Plant Report

Recommendation: That Council receive and note the Property Inspection Report for Walgett

10/04/28 Recommended:

That Council receive and confirm Property Inspection Report Walgett

Moved: Clr Peart

Seconded: Clr Webb

Carried

8. Motion to move out of Confidential Session

10/04/29 Resolved:

That at 11.48 am Council move out of Confidential Session.

Moved: Clr Webb

Seconded: Clr Woodcock

Carried

9. Adoption of Committee Recommendations

10/04/30 Resolved:

That the following recommendations for the Confidential Committee be adopted

1. That Council receive and note confidential Property Inspections Report matters for Gilgandra, Coonamble, Warrumbungle and Walgett.

Moved: Clr Webb

Seconded: Clr Woodcock

Carried

General Business

1. Leave of Absence Clr Murray Coe

Councillor Coe advise that he would be seeking leave of absence for the period 3 June – 28 June 2013 as he would be travelling overseas.

2. Staff Performance Reviews

Chief Weeds Officer Ian Kelly advised that the last staff performance reviews were held 3 or 4 years ago.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, 19 June 2013 at Coonamble.

The General Manager advised that the Extraordinary Meeting would be held at Coonamble on a date to be fixed towards the end of May.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 11.50 am

Confirmed as a true and accurate record at the Council meeting on / /2013

CHAIRMAN

GENERAL MANAGER