

CASTLEREAGH MACQUARIE COUNTY COUNCIL MINUTES

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CASTLEREAGH MACQUARIE COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER GILGANDRA ON WEDNESDAY 16 OCTOBER 2013 COMMENCING AT 10:05AM

PRESENT: N.Kinsey (Chairman), **G. Peart**, D Schieb, M. Webb, M. Coe, D. Todd and D. Batten.

Staff Members: Don Ramsland and Ian Kelly.

Visitor: Nil.

- 1. APOLOGIES:** R. Greenaway, P Shinton, I. Woodcock and A. Van Lubeck .

10/13/1 Resolved:

That apologies from Clrs R. Greenaway, P Shinton, I. Woodcock and A. Van Lubeck be accepted and leave of absence be granted.

Moved: Clr Webb

Seconded: Clr Batten

Carried

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

10/13/2 Resolved:

That the minutes of the Castlereagh Macquarie County Council meeting held at Walgett on Wednesday 21 June 2013, having been circulated, be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

Moved: Clr Batten

Seconded: Clr Coe

Carried

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

It was agreed that the annual election of Chairman be held over until the December, 2013 meeting.

4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Clr Kinsey reported having attended the LG NSW Annual Conference in Sydney, 2/3 October, 2013. He believed that the conference was not very relevant to the CMCC because all the delegates seemed to be concerned about were points of order. The conference finished 2 hours early on the last day due to a lack of a quorum. At the conference he had spoken Clr Reg Kidd and he formed the conclusion from those discussions that there wouldn't be any money available for extra weeds funding.

The Mayor of Brewarrina was very grateful for the work our staff did and was keen to have them back.

The new Central West Local Land Service Chairman is MR Tom Gavel from the Central Western CMA.

CMCC has received a letter from Coonamble Shire Council concerning the lack of control of Boxthorn throughout the area. After receiving the letter, as Chairman of the County he travelled 600 km throughout the area inspecting properties, roadsides and government lands.

During these inspections he travelled north, south, east and west inspecting roadsides where he saw extremely well maintained roadsides.

He also inspected at least 25 properties. On all but 3 properties there has been extensive work carried out.

Two of the three properties will carry out work with contractors as soon as seasonal conditions permit and the third landholder will carry out when both financial and seasonal conditions permit.

He spoke to 10 landholders about boxthorn control. One landholder spent \$400 and will continue to carry out control work. The following 9 landholders spent between \$3,000 and \$30,000 and will continue to carry out control works.

He also looked at government controlled land eg Department of Lands and feel there needs to be further work to be carried out.

There was then considerable discussion in relation to the Letter from Coonamble Shire Council

Chief Weeds Officer Ian Kelly then outlined the inspection procedure

1. Inspection
2. Then a report is prepared on the inspection and any action identified
3. Re-inspection
4. A letter if no/insufficient action
5. Further follow up
6. Offer assistance by way of private works.

10/13/3 Resolved:

That the Chairman's report be received and noted.

Moved: Clr Batten

Seconded: Clr Webb

Carried

10/13/4 Resolved:

That the General Manager review the Weeds Inspection and Reporting Procedure to include:

1. details of the initial inspection and action to be taken
 2. details of the re-inspection
 3. follow up letter
 4. a media campaign
 5. details of any legal action to be taken
- and Council also forward an appropriate reply to Coonamble Shire Council

Moved: Clr Webb

Seconded: Clr Schieb

Carried

5. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Item 5.1 Bank Reconciliation as at 30 September 2013

Recommendation: That the Statement of Bank Balances as 30 September, 2013 be received and noted.

10/13/5 Resolved:

That the Bank Reconciliation as at 30 September, 2013 be received and noted.

Moved: Clr Coe

Seconded: Clr Webb

Carried

Item 5.2 Financial Reports for the year ended 30 June, 2013

Recommendation: That Council formally receive the Financial Reports for the period 1 July, 2012 to 30 June, 2013. The audit was completed in mid September and Council is currently waiting for the Auditor's report to be issued.

10/13/6 Resolved:

That Council formally receive the Financial Reports for the period 1 July, 2012 to 30 June, 2013. And they be resubmitted to the December meeting once the Auditor's Report is available.

Moved: Clr Batten
Seconded: Clr Peart

Carried

Item 5.3 Budget Review to 30 September, 2013

Recommendation: That the Budget Review for the period ended 30 September 2013 be received and noted and the minor variations to budget as detailed in the attached spread sheet be adopted.

10/13/7 Resolved:

That:

1. The Quarterly Budget Review for the period ended 30 September, 2013, as detailed in the attached spread sheet, be received and noted.
2. Council prepare a submission in respect of the current review of weeds management in NSW and forward a copy to MVWAC for information

Moved: Clr Coe
Seconded: Clr Todd

Carried

6. CHIEF WEEDS OFFICER'S REPORT

6.1 Noxious Plant Reports

Gilgandra Noxious Plant Report

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

10/13/8 Resolved:

That Council receive and confirm Noxious Plant report for Gilgandra.

Moved: Clr Peart
Seconded: Clr Batten

Carried

Warrumbungle Noxious Plant Report

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

10/13/9 Resolved:

That Council receive and confirm Noxious Plant report for Warrumbungle.

Moved: Clr Peart

Seconded: Clr Batten

Carried

Coonamble Noxious Plant Report

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

10/13/10 Resolved:

That Council receive and confirm Noxious Plant report for Coonamble

Moved: Clr Peart

Seconded: Clr Batten

Carried

Walgett Noxious Plant Report

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

10/13/11 Resolved:

That Council receive and confirm Noxious Plant report for Walgett

Moved: Clr Peart

Seconded: Clr Batten

Carried

Warren Noxious Plant Report

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

10/13/12 Resolved:

That Council receive and confirm Noxious Plant report for Warren

Moved: Clr Peart

Seconded: Clr batten

Carried

CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

1. Motion to move in to Confidential Session

10/13/13 Resolved:

That at 11.59 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 Batteb

Seconded: Clr Schieb

Carried

2. Property Inspections Report

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

10/13/14 Recommendation:

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

Moved: Clr Webb

Seconded: Clr Schieb

Carried

3. Appointment of External Auditor

Recommendation: That the tender from the Luka group for the provision of external audit services for the six (6) year period 2013-2019 be accepted

10/13/15 Recommendation:

That the tender from the Luka Group for the provision of external audit services for the six (6) year period 2013 – 2019 be accepted

Moved: Clr Batten

Seconded: Clr Peart

Carried

Motion to move out of Confidential

4. Motion to move out of Confidential Session

10/13/16 Resolved:

That at 12.10 pm Council move out of Confidential Session.

Moved: Clr Batten

Seconded: Clr Schieb

Carried

5. Adoption of Committee Recommendations

10/13/17 Resolved:

That the following recommendations for the Confidential Committee be adopted

1. That Council receive and note all confidential Property Inspections report matters as a whole
2. That the tender from the Luka group for the provision of external audit services for the six (6) year period 2013-2019 be accepted

Moved: Clr Batten

Seconded: Clr Peart

Carried

General Business

1. Weed Funding - OROC

Councillor Doug Batten suggested raising the issue of weed funding through OROC.

10/13/18 Resolved:

That Council raise the issue of Weed Funding through the next meeting of OROC.

Moved: Clr Batten

Seconded: Clr Webb

Carried

2. Ban on Cacti

Councillor Kinsey suggested that a ban on the introduction of all cacti be considered.

3. Cabonne Council – Grant Administration

Clr Webb stressed the need for action to be taken to negotiate a more satisfactory financial outcome from grant fund administration.

4. Constituent Council Funding.

Councillor Webb noted that it was a decision of full Council not to increase the funding contributions of Constituent Councils.

5. General Comment

Chief Weeds Officer Ian Kelly raised the question of what happens under the existing funding situation when new problem weeds/weed problems arise.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, 18 December, 2013 at Warren. Reference was made to a possible meeting at Lightning Ridge to coincide with a Hudson Pear workshop.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CONCLUDED AT 12.17 PM

To be confirmed as a true and accurate record at the Council Meeting held on 18 December, 2013.

CHAIRMAN

GENERAL MANAGER