

CASTLEREAGH MACQUARIE COUNTY COUNCIL MINUTES

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CASTLEREAGH MACQUARIE COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT WARREN SHIRE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON WEDNESDAY 18 APRIL 2012 AT 10:20AM

PRESENT: N Kinsey (Chairman), J Collison, P Shinton, D Schieb, I. Woodcock, R Azar, R Greenaway, J Wright, and M Coe.

Staff Members: Don Ramsland, Darren Arthur and Ian Kelly.

1. APOLOGIES: M Webb.

12/04/1 Resolution:

That apologies from Clr M. Webb be accepted and leave of absence be granted.

Moved: Clr Azar

Seconded: Clr Greenaway

Carried

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

12/04/2 Resolution:

That the minutes of the County Council meeting held Gilgandra on Wednesday 7 March 2012 be confirmed.

Moved: Clr Woodcock

Seconded: Clr Azar

Carried

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

3.1 Training

It was noted that training grants were given to various training institutions and that MVWAC is not a training institution.

4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman reported that he had attended the "C" Division Conference at Wellington on 19 March 2012 and didn't vote on any motions that weren't carried.

Jeff Hudson (LGSA) advised the meeting that the Native Vegetation Regulation review has been delayed.

Wellington Council had a motion very similar to the one put forward by the CMCC, with the difference being the date they stated for funding to be released, being 30 November. Clr Kinsey got them to change the date to 1 October and once it was passed by the Conference, then withdrew the CMCC motion as it was no longer required.

The other CMCC motion for the control of noxious weeds on State controlled and crown Land went through unopposed.

5. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Item 5.1 Bank Reconciliation as at 31 March 2012

Recommendation: That the Statement of Bank Balances as 31 March, 2012 be received and adopted.

12/04/3 Resolved:

That the Bank Reconciliation as at 31 March 2012 be received and adopted.

Moved: Clr Woodcock

Seconded: Clr Greenaway

Carried

Item 5.2 Budget Review to 31 December, 2012

Recommendation: That the Budget Review for the period ended 31 March 2011 be received and noted and the minor variations to the Budget as detailed be adopted.

12/04/4 Resolved:

That the Budget Review for the period ended 31 March 2011 be received and the minor variations to the Budget be adopted

Moved: Clr Coe

Seconded: Clr Shinton

Carried

Item 5.3 Appointment of General Manager

Recommendation: For Council's Information.

12/04/5 Resolved:

That the information be received and noted and the matter further considered in the Confidential Section of the meeting

Moved: Clr Wright

Seconded: Clr AZar

Carried

Item 5.4 Draft Budget for 2012/2013

Recommendation: For Council's Consideration.

The Acting General Manager and Darren Arthur made presentations to Council using a detailed spreadsheet based on Council's draft ten year Long Term Financial Plan and explained a range of financial scenarios that would impact on the Council's long term financial viability and sustainability.

A number of minor amendments were made to the spreadsheet and it was noted that Council had no option other than to increase the Constituent Council's Contribution by up to 15%, undertake more private works, ensure that the freight operation was at least a break even proposition and seek additional grants.

<p>12/04/6 Resolved: That the draft Budget for 2012/2013 be adopted in principle and placed on public exhibition subject to a 10% increase in Constituent Council contributions in 2012/2013 and that those Councils be advised of the increase in writing. Moved: Clr Wright Seconded: Clr Collision</p>	<p>Carried</p>
<p>PEAR PROGRAMME</p>	
<p>12/04/7 Resolved: That a Letter be forwarded to the DPI requesting that a contribution from the Mining Lease Rehabilitation Fee be made towards all future Pear Control Programmes Moved: Clr Collison Seconded: Clr Coe</p>	<p>Carried</p>

Item 5.5 Integrated Planning and Reporting Legislation

Recommendation: For Council's Consideration.

<p>12/04/8 Resolved: That the draft Integrated Planning and Reporting Documentation be adopted in principle and placed on public exhibition. Moved: Clr Greenaway Seconded: Clr Woodcock</p>	<p>Carried</p>
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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

12/04/9 Resolved:
On a motion of Councillors P Shinton and John Collison that Council receive and confirm Noxious Plant report for Gilgandra

Carried

Warrumbungle Noxious Plant Report

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

12/04/10 Resolved:
That Council receive and confirm Noxious Plant report for Warrumbungle.

Moved: Clr Shinton
Seconded: Clr Collison

Carried

Coonamble Noxious Plant Report

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

12/04/11 Resolved:
That Council receive and confirm Noxious Plant report for Coonamble

Moved: Clr Shinton
Seconded: Clr Collison

Carried

Walgett Noxious Plant Report

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

12/04/12 Resolved:
That Council receive and confirm Noxious Plant report for Walgett

Moved: Clr Shinton
Seconded: Clr Collison

Carried

Warren Noxious Plant Report

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

12/04/13 Resolved:
That Council receive and confirm Noxious Plant report for Warren

Moved: Clr Shinton
Seconded: Clr Collison

Carried

6.2 Galvanised Burr Declaration.

Recommendation: That Council write to the DPI requesting that Galvanised Burr be declaration noxious and listed

12/04/14 Resolved:
That Council write to the DPI requesting that Galvanised Burr be declared a noxious weed and listed accordingly.

Moved: Clr Collison
Seconded: Clr Azar

Carried

6.3 Noxious Weed Declarations

12/04/15 Resolved:
That Council receive and note the list of Noxious Weed Declarations.

Moved: Clr Greenaway
Seconded: Clr Wright

Carried

CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

1. Motion to move onto Confidential Session

12/04/16 Resolved:
That at 12.01pm 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 Greenaway
Seconded: Clr Collis

Carried

2. **Property Inspections Report**

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

12/04/17 Recommendation:
That Council receive and note all confidential Property Inspections report matters as a whole.
Moved: Clr Collis
Seconded: Clr Woodcock

Carried

3. **Position of General Manager – Castlereagh Macquarie County Council**

At this point all staff were excluded from the meeting whilst Council considered the application for the position of General Manager. It was agreed to interview Mr D. H. Ramsland for the position.

Staff were then invited back into the meeting and Mr Ramsland was interviewed with various Councillors asking a range of questions.

Mr Ramsland indicated that it would be his intention to perform both the administrative and financial functions of Council at the combined remuneration currently being paid for each function, with Darren Arthur finalising the statements for 2011/2012.

12/04/18 Recommendation:
That Mr. D.H. Ramsland be offered the position of part time General Manager to the Castlereagh Macquarie County Council under a five year contract at an annual salary of \$20,000 (approx.) with immediate effect.
Moved: Clr Wright
Seconded: Clr Collis

Carried

4. **Motion to move out of Confidential Session**

12/04/19 Resolved:
That at 12.10pm Council were move out of Confidential Session.

Moved: Clr Wright
Seconded: Clr Collis

Carried

5. **Adoption of Committee Recommendations**

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12/04/20 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 Mr. D.H. Ramsland be offered the position of part time General Manager to the Castlereagh Macquarie County Council under a five year contract at an annual salary of \$20,000 (approx.) with immediate effect.

Moved: Clr Wright

Seconded: Clr Woodcock

Carried

General Business

Nil.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, 20 June 2012, at Coonabarabran.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CONCLUDED AT 12.47PM

Confirmed as a true and accurate record at the Council Meeting held on 20 June, 2012

CHAIRMAN

GENERAL MANAGER