

## CASTLEREAGH MACQUARIE COUNTY COUNCIL MINUTES

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CASTLEREAGH MACQUARIE COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER COONAMBLE ON MONDAY 19 OCTOBER 2015 COMMENCING AT 10:00AM

**PRESENT:** N.Kinsey (Chairman), G. Peart, M. Coe, I. Woodcock, A. Van Lubeck, R. Greenaway, D.Schieb, M. Webb and D. Batten.

**Staff Members:** Don Ramsland, John Unwin and Carl Molloy

**Visitor:** Nil.

- 1. WELCOME:** Clr Kinsey welcomed all councillors and staff to the meeting.
- 2. APOLOGIES:** Clr P. Shinton.

#### **10/15/1 Resolved:**

That apologies from Clr P. Shinton be accepted and leave of absence be granted.

**Moved:** Clr Greenaway

**Seconded:** Clr Peart

**Carried**

### **3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

#### **10/15/2 Resolved:**

That the minutes of the Castlereagh Macquarie County Council meeting held at Coonabarabran on Monday 24 August, 2015, having been circulated, be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

**Moved:** Clr Woodcock

**Seconded:** Clr Webb

**Carried**

### **4. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

Nil

### **5. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

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Clr Kinsey advised that the General Manager had informed him a few weeks ago that fund we receive from DPI through MVWAC could be reduced by some \$100,000 and if that is the case then it will make the running of the County Council a very difficult exercise.

Clr Kinsey also congratulated Clr Michael Webb on being elected as the new Mayor of Coonamble Shire Council.

**10/15/3 Resolved:**

That the Chairman's report be received and noted.

**Moved:** Clr Kinsey

**Seconded:** Clr Greenaway

**Carried**

At this point in proceedings the General Manager took the Chair to conduct the annual elections for Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson.

**6. METHOD OF VOTING- ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON AND DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON**

**10/15/4 Resolved:**

That Council adopt the ordinary ballot method for the election of the Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson

**Moved:** Clr Van Lubeck

**Seconded:** Clr Batten

**Carried**

**7. ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON**

There being only one nomination for the position of Chairperson, that of Clr Noel Kinsey, the Returning Officer declared Clr Noel Kinsey elected as Chairperson for term ending September, 2016.

**8. ELECTION OF DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON**

There being only one nomination for the position of Deputy Chairperson, that of Clr Robert Greenaway, the Returning Officer declared Clr Robert Greenaway elected as Deputy Chairperson for term ending September, 2016.

**9. DESTRUCTION OF BALLOT PAPERS**

Not Required

**10. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Nil

**11. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

**Item 11.1 Bank Reconciliations as at 31 August 2015 and 30 September 2015**

**Recommendation:** That the Statement of Bank Balances as 31 August, 2015 and 30 September, 2015 be received and noted.

**10/15/5 Resolved:**

That the Bank Reconciliations as at 31 August, 2015 and 30 September, 2015 be received and noted.

**Moved:** Clr Batten

**Seconded:** Clr Van Lubeck

**Carried**

**Item 11.2 Quarterly Budget Review Statement – Period Ended 30 September, 2015**

**Recommendation:** That the Quarterly Budget Review Statement for the period ended 30 September 2015 be received and noted and the recommended variations to the revised budget as detailed in the attached statement be adopted.

**10/15/6 Resolved:**

That:

1. That the Quarterly Budget Review Statement for the period ended 30 September 2015 be received and noted and the recommended variations to the revised budget as detailed in the attached statement be adopted.

**Moved:** Clr Greenaway

**Seconded:** Clr Webb

**Carried**

**10/15/7 Resolved:**

That:

Subject to receiving formal confirmation of cutbacks in Council's WAP 1520 of in the order of 24% Council:

1. make strong representations to the Minister for Primary Industries and the various local State members objecting to the funding cutbacks

2. express its concerns to the Central West and North West Local Land Services, Constituent Councils, LGNSW and other County Councils

based on the fact that such cutbacks are totally unacceptable this late in the new financial year after Council has set its budget and committed staff and other resources particularly to combat increased weed growth once the current drought breaks

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3. Follow up possible federal funding from a \$25M Drought Communities Programme
4. issue appropriate media releases condemn the State government's action which could make various local control authorities financially unviable leading to the possibility of staff retrenchments.

**Moved:** Clr Batten

**Seconded:** Clr Greenaway

**Carried**

### **Item 11.3 Organizational Restructure Report – Update – October, 2015.**

**Recommendation:** That Council receive and note the General Manager's Report in respect of the progress in the organisational restructure process and endorse the action taken so far.

**10/15/8 Resolved:**

That Council receive and note the General Manager's Report in respect of the progress in the organisational restructure process and endorse the action taken so far.

**Moved:** Clr Webb

**Seconded:** Clr Batten

**Carried**

### **Item 11.4 Update – Annual Financial Statements 2014/15**

**Recommendation:**

That Council note that:

1. The Draft Annual Financial Statements for 2014/2015 have been referred to Council's Auditor.
2. The Chairperson, another Councillor, The General manager and Finance Officer have been authorised to sign the necessary Financial Report Statements.
3. On receipt of the Auditor's Report, a copy be forwarded to the Office of Local Government and the Australian Bureau of Statistics.
4. Council delegate to the General Manager the authority to set the date at which the Auditor's Report and the Financial Statements will be presented to the public and, additionally be reviewed/adopted by Council formally as required, subject to Section 418 of the Local Government Act 1993

**10/15/9 Resolved:**

That Council note that:

The Draft Annual Financial Statements for 2014/2015 have been referred to Council's Auditor.

The Chairperson, another Councillor, The General manager and Finance Officer have been authorised to sign the necessary Financial Report Statements.

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On receipt of the Auditor's Report, copies be forwarded to the Office of Local Government and the Australian Bureau of Statistics.

Council delegate to the General Manager the authority to set the date at which the Auditor's Report and the Financial Statements will be presented to the public and, additionally be reviewed/adopted by Council formally as required, subject to Section 418 of the Local Government Act 1993

**Moved:** Clr Batten

**Seconded:** Clr Webb

**Carried**

**Item 11.5 Matters for Brief Mention or Information Only**

**Recommendation:** That the General Manager's Report with regards Matters for Brief Mention or Information Only be received and noted.

**10/15/10 Resolved:**

That the General Manager's Report with regards Matters for Brief Mention or Information Only be received and noted.

**Moved:** Clr Van Lubeck

**Seconded:** Clr Schieb

**Carried**

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**12. ACTING SENIOR WEEDS OFFICER'S REPORT**

**Item 12.1 Acting Senior Weeds Officer's Report**

**Recommendation:** That Council receive and note the Acting Senior Weeds Officer's Report.

**10/15/11 Resolved:**

That Council receive and note the Acting Senior Weeds Officer's Report and arrangements to attend the bi-annual weeds conference in Cooma in October and the Parthenium Taskforce meeting in Moree.

**Moved:** Clr Greenaway

**Seconded:** Clr Batten

**Carried**

**10/15/12 Resolved:**

That a report be prepared for the December meeting with regards introducing and effective mapping system.

**Moved:** Clr Batten

**Seconded:** Clr Webb

**Carried**

**Item 12.2 Noxious Plant Reports**

**Gilgandra Noxious Plant Report**

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

**10/15/13 Resolved:**

That Council receive and confirm Noxious Plant report for Gilgandra.

**Moved:** Clr Webb

**Seconded:** Clr Van Lubeck

**Carried**

**Warrumbungle Noxious Plant Report**

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

**10/15/14 Resolved:**

That Council receive and confirm Noxious Plant report for Warrumbungle.

**Moved:** Clr Webb

**Seconded:** Clr Van Lebeck

**Carried**

**Coonamble Noxious Plant Report**

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

**10/15/15 Resolved:**

That Council receive and confirm Noxious Plant report for Coonamble

**Moved:** Clr Webb

**Seconded:** Clr Van Lubeck

**Carried**

**Walgett Noxious Plant Report**

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

**10/15/16 Resolved:**

That Council receive and confirm Noxious Plant report for Walgett

**Moved:** Clr Webb

**Seconded:** Clr Van Lubeck

**Carried**

**Warren Noxious Plant Report**

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

**10/15/17 Resolved:**

That Council receive and confirm Noxious Plant report for Warren

**Moved:** Clr Webb

**Seconded:** Clr Van Lubeck

**Carried**

**CONFIDENTIAL SESSION**

**1. Motion to move in to Confidential Session**

**10/15/18 Resolved:**

That at 11.15 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 Greenaway

**Seconded:** Clr Webb

**Carried**

**2. Property Inspections Report**

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

**10/15/19 Recommendation:**

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

**Moved:** Clr Webb

**Seconded:** Clr Schieb

**Carried**

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

**10/15/20      Resolved:**

That at 11.35 am Council move out of Confidential Session.

**Moved:**        Clr Woodcock

**Seconded:**    Clr Greenaway

**Carried**

**4. Adoption of Committee Recommendations**

**10/15/21      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

**Moved:**        Clr Woodcock

**Seconded:**    Clr Greenaway

**Carried**

**General Business**

**1. Hudson pear Task Force**

**10/15/22      Resolved:**

That Clr Ian Woodcock be Council's representative on the reformed Hudson pear Taskforce.

**Moved:**        Clr Woodcock

**Seconded:**    Clr Greenaway

**Carried**

**2. Hudson pear Issues**

That the Department of Lands be requested to take immediate action to upgrade the fencing surrounding the Hudson pear nurseries at Lorne and Grawin to ensure they are secure to prevent spreading by feral animals.

**3. Approach to Minister - Future Fund**

That the Minister be requested to utilise funds from the "Future Fund" to undertake all outstanding work.

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**4. Forms Reminder**

That staff be reminded of the need to fully complete monthly reports in the revised format.

**5. Funding Cutbacks**

That the Board be kept apprised of action being taken with regards WAP 1520 funding cutbacks.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday 21 December, 2015 at Walgett.

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CONCLUDED AT 11.55 AM**

**To be confirmed as a true and accurate record at the Council Meeting held on 21 December, 2015.**

**CHAIRMAN**

**GENERAL MANAGER**