

CASTLEREAGH MACQUARIE COUNTY COUNCIL MINUTES

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CASTLEREAGH MACQUARIE COUNTY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS WARREN ON WEDNESDAY 20 FEBRUARY 2013 COMMENCING AT 10:57AM

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

Staff Members: Don Ramsland and Ian Kelly.

Visitors: Nil.

1. APOLOGIES: R. Greenaway, P. Shinton and M. Webb.

13/02/1 Resolved:

That the apologies from Clrs R. Greenaway, P. Shinton and M. Webb be accepted and leave of absence be granted.

Moved: Clr Batten

Seconded: Clr Van Lubeck

Carried

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

13/02/2 Resolved:

That the minutes of the Castlereagh Macquarie County Council meeting held Walgett on Wednesday 22 December 2012, having been circulated, be confirmed as a true and fair record subject to the following amendments:

Moved: Clr Batten

Seconded: Clr Coe

Carried

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

Nil

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4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman reported verbally that he had attended the meeting of the MVWAC held at Lightning Ridge on Tuesday 12 February, 2013 host by the Castlereagh Macquarie County Council. There was a very good attendance with more than 30 people present. The meeting was a great opportunity for us to show just how bad the Hudson Pear problem is with a presentation by Ian Kelly that was preceded by a tour of the Lightning Ridge area.

General Manager Don Ramsland raised the issue of the financial commission being paid to Cabonne Council and we should receive an answer at the next MVWAC meeting at Nyngan.

After the MVWAC meeting, Ian Kelly chaired a Hudson Pear Taskforce meeting which involved miners, landholders and departmental representatives. Royce Holtkamp, an insect guru, told the meeting that Hudson Pear is now in every state in Australia and is out of control.

On Friday 15 February, 2013 I attended an OROC meeting in Dubbo as I wanted to hear what the local State members had to say about the proposed new Local Land Services (LLS) concept. Not a lot was offered, except that it is up to us to present what we want and the sooner the better.

13/02/3 Resolved: That the Chairman's verbal report be received and noted

Moved: Clr Van Lubeck

Seconded: Clr Batten

Carried

5. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Item 5.1 Bank Reconciliation as at 31 January 2013

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

13/02/4 Resolved: That the Bank Reconciliation as at 31 January 2013 be received and noted.

Moved: Clr Van Lubeck

Seconded: Clr Batten

Carried

Item 5.2 Budget Review to 31 January 2013

Recommendation: That the Budget Review for the period ended 31 January 2013 be received and noted, the variations to the Budget as detailed be adopted and Council consider the options put forward to rectify the adverse financial outcome being forecast for the current financial year (\$45,430) and years beyond.

The General Manager requested that his unwillingness to express the following opinion required pursuant to Clause 203 (2) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 be noted.

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It is my opinion that the Quarterly Budget Review Statement for Castlereagh Macquarie County Council for the period ended 31 January 2013 indicates that Council's projected financial position at 30 June 2013 will be satisfactory at year end, having regard to the projected estimates of income and expenditure and the originally budgeted income and expenditure.

Signed: Dated:

D.H. Ramsland

Responsible Accounting Officer"

13/02/5 Resolved:

That the Budget Review for the period ended 31 January 2013 be received and noted, the variations to the Budget as detailed in the attached spread sheet be adopted, Council note the General Manager's concerns and approve the corrective options as outlined in the General Manager's Report including the closure of the freight agency and non replacement of (retiring) staff.

Moved: Clr Batten

Seconded: Clr Peart

Carried

6. CHIEF WEEDS OFFICER'S REPORT

6.1 Gilgandra Noxious Plant Report

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

13/02/6 Resolved:

That Council receive and confirm Noxious Plant report for Gilgandra.

Moved: Clr Woodcock

Seconded: Clr Batten

Carried

6.2 Warrumbungle Noxious Plant Report

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

13/02/7 Resolved:

That Council receive and confirm Noxious Plant report for Warrumbungle.

Moved: Clr Woodcock

Seconded: Clr Batten

Carried

6.3 Coonamble Noxious Plant Report

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

13/02/8 Resolved:

That Council receive and confirm Noxious Plant report for Coonamble

Moved: Clr Woodcock

Seconded: Clr Batten

Carried

6.4 Walgett Noxious Plant Report

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

13/02/9 Resolved:

That Council receive and confirm Noxious Plant report for Walgett

Moved: Clr Woodcock

Seconded: Clr Batten

Carried

6.5 Warren Noxious Plant Report

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

13/02/10 Resolved:

That Council receive and confirm Noxious Plant report for Warren

Moved: Clr Woodcock

Seconded: Clr Batten

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7. CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

7.1 Motion to move into Confidential Session

13/02/11 Resolved:

That at 11.45 am 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 Peart
Seconded: Clr Schieb

Carried

7.2 Property Inspections Report

Gilgandra Property Inspection Report

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

13/02/12 Recommended:

That Council receive and confirm Property Inspection Report for Gilgandra.

Moved: Clr Schieb
Seconded: Clr Batten

Carried

Warrumbungle Property Inspection Report

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

13/02/13 Recommended:

That Council receive and confirm Property Inspection Report for Warrumbungle.

Moved: Clr Schieb
Seconded: Clr Batten

Carried

Coonamble Property Inspection Report

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

13/02/14 Recommended:

That Council receive and confirm Property Inspection Report for Coonamble

Moved: Clr Schieb

Seconded: Clr Batten

Carried

Walgett Property Inspection Report

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

13/02/15 Recommended:

That Council receive and confirm Property Inspection Report Walgett

Moved: Clr Schieb

Seconded: Clr Batten

Carried

Warren Property Inspection report

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

13/02/16 Recommended:

That Council receive and confirm Property Inspection Report Warren

Moved: Clr Schieb

Seconded: Clr Batten

Carried

8. Motion to move out of Confidential Session

13/02/17 Resolved: That at 11.50 am Council move out of Confidential Session.

Moved: Clr Batten

Seconded: Clr Schieb

Carried

9. Adoption of Committee Recommendations

13/02/18 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, Walgett and Warren

Moved: Clr Schieb

Seconded: Clr Batten

Carried

General Business

1. Local Land Services Submission

The meeting was advised of a series of community consultation sessions being planned for the period February/April 2013 with regards the proposed new Local Land Services Authority.

13/02/19 Resolved:

That following attendance at the Local Land Service briefing sessions, the Chairperson and General Manager be authorised to make an appropriate submission on behalf of Council

Moved: Clr Batten

Seconded: Clr Schieb

Carried

2. Grant Application – Hudson Pear

Reference was made to inspections on 12/13 February, 2013 of the Hudson Pear problem at Lightning Ridge and a subsequent meeting of the Hudson Pear Taskforce which was told that Hudson Pear is now in every state in Australia and is now out of control.

13/02/20 Resolved:

That a grant application be lodged in conjunction with the Western Catchment Management Authority and Lightning Ridge Miners' Association for the control and eradication of Hudson Pear at Lightning Ridge.

Moved: Clr Schieb

Seconded: Clr Batten

Carried

3. Noxious Weeds Classification –Harrisia Cactus

The Need for Harrisia Cactus to be reclassified from a Class 4 to a Class 2 weed was raised for discussion.

13/02/21 Resolved:

That written application be made for Harrisia Cactus to be reclassified from a Class 4 to a Class 2 weed.

Moved: Clr Batten

Seconded: Clr Van Lubeck

Carried

4. Training Support Request – Mr Ian Kelly

Mr Ian Kelly apologised for the short notice and requested that Council fund an Agribusiness (Weeds) Management Course through a South Australian College at an estimated cost of \$2970 form the 2012/2013 budget vote.

13/02/22 Resolved:

That Council fund an Agribusiness (Weeds) Management Course through a South Australian College at an estimated cost of \$2970 form the 2012/2013 budget vote.

Moved: Clr Coe

Seconded: Clr Schieb

Carried

5. Comment by Chief Weeds Officer Mr Ian Kelly

The Chief Weeds Officer, Mr Ian Kelly reaffirmed his belief that any funding shortfall incurred by the CMCC is a constituent council responsibility.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, 17 April 2013 at Coonabarabran.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED 12.05 pm.

Confirmed as a true and accurate record at the Council Meeting held on 17 April, 2013.

CHAIRMAN

GENERAL MANAGER