

CASTLEREAGH MACQUARIE COUNTY COUNCIL MINUTES

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CASTLEREAGH MACQUARIE COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE GIGANDRA SHIRE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, GIGANDRA ON MONDAY 20 APRIL, 2015 COMMENCING AT 10:00 AM

1. PRESENT: N. Kinsey (Chairman), M. Coe, P. Shinton (10.10 am), A. Van Lubeck (10.20 am), D. Batten, I Woodcock, R. Greenaway, G. Peart, D. Schieb (10. am) and M. Webb,

Staff Members: Don Ramsland (General Manager), John Unwin (Acting Senior Weeds Officer) and Kevin Wattling (Weeds Officer).

Visitors: Nil.

2. **APOLOGIES:** D. Schieb, P. Shinton, A Van Lubeck for late arrival

04/15/1 Resolved:

That apologies from Clrs. D. Schieb, P Shinton and A Van Lubeck for arrival be accepted and leave of absence be granted.

Moved: Clr Batten

Seconded: Clr Woodcock

Carried

3. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Nil

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

04/15/2 Resolved:

That the minutes of the Castlereagh Macquarie County Council meeting held at Coonamble on Monday 23 March, 2015 having been circulated, be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting subject to showing Clr Coe as having arrived on time.

Moved: Clr Batten

Seconded: Clr Woodcock

Carried

5. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman advised that the Hudson pear Strategic Risk Analysis is a very good paper thanks to Ken Harrison. His ideas on what is recommended should be adhered to.

Economic implications of allowing infestations to spread and/or increase in density must be enormous. Mapping of Hudson pear wherever it is in Australia should be done and that information made available to the public.

I agree with Ken Harrison that we need an overall chairperson (boss) to manage the Hudson pear wherever it is and that person should be answerable to all involved.

The pear and/or all cacti for that matter should be dealt with regardless of whose land it is on – private, state or federal, and legislation should be in place to ensure this occurs.

Sporadic funding would have to be a major problem in the whole cacti saga and funding has to be based on 5 year programme cycles at least to ensure effective monitoring and follow up treatment when required.

04/15/3 Resolved:

That the Chairman's report be received and noted.

Moved: Clr Kinsey

Seconded: Clr Shinton

Carried

6. MATTERS ARISING

1. The General Manager reported having arranged a meeting with the new Minister for DPI Hon Niall Blair and would be inviting the Minister to Council next meeting in June, 2015 to discuss the following issues:
 - Outstanding account for mesquite treatment programme
 - Fit for the Future funding levels
 - Hudson pear funding under the PRMF
 - Hudson pear funding controls need five year programmes to be effective
2. The Coonamble Weeds Officer is currently working out of home/storage sheds pending finalisation of alternate depot facilities.
3. Report on Coonamble and Coonabarabran depots required for June, 2015 meeting:
 - Acquisition of shipping container
 - Bunding requirements
 - Roofing and ventilation
 - Supervision
 - WH&S

7. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Item 7.1 Bank Reconciliation as at 31 March, 2015

Recommendation: That the Bank Reconciliations as 31 March, 2015 be received and noted.

04/15/4 Resolved:

That the Bank Reconciliations as at 31 March, 2015 be received and noted.

Moved: Clr Greenaway

Seconded: Clr Woodcock

Carried

Item 7.2 Organisational Restructure Report – Update March 2015.

Recommendation: That Council receive and note the General Manager’s report in respect of the progress in the Organisational Restructure process and endorsed the action taken so far

04/15/5 Resolved:

That Council receive and note the General Manager’s report in respect of the progress in the Organisational Restructure process and endorsed the action taken so far

Moved: Clr Webb

Seconded: Clr Batten

Carried

Item 7.3 Quarterly Budget Review Statement - Period Ended 31 March, 2015

Recommendation: That the Quarterly Budget Review statement for the period ended 31 March, 2015 be received and noted and the recommended variations to the revised budget as detailed in the attached statements be adopted.

04/15/6 Resolved:

That the Quarterly Budget Review Statement for the period ended 31 March, 2015, be received and noted and the recommended variations to the revised budget as detailed in the attached statement be adopted.

Moved: Clr Batten

Seconded: Clr Shinton

Carried

Item 7.4 2015/16 Budget and Operational Plan and updated Integrated Planning and Reporting Documentation

Recommendation: That Council adopt the draft 2015/16 Operational Plan and Budget in principle along with the other Integrated Planning and Reporting documentation and the documentation be placed on public exhibition and comment invited prior to the documents being further considered for formal adoption at Council's meeting on 15 June, 2015.

04/15/7 Resolved:

That Council adopt the draft 2015/16 Operational Plan and Budget in principle along with the other Integrated Planning and Reporting documentation and the documentation be placed on public exhibition and comment invited prior to the documents being further considered for formal adoption at Council's meeting on 15 June, 2015.

Moved: Clr Greenaway

Seconded: Clr Woodcock

Carried

Item 7.5 Hosting of Weeds Action Plan 1520 and Regional Project Officer

Recommendation: That Council endorse the General manager's action in lodging an expression of interest in hosting the 1520 WAP and RPO for an initial period of two years

04/15/8 Resolved:

That Council endorse the General manager's action in lodging an expression of interest in hosting the 1520 WAP and RPO for an initial period of two years.

Moved: Clr Shinton

Seconded: Clr Peart

Carried

Item 7.6 Matters for Brief Mention or Generally for Information Only

Recommendation: That the above issues for brief mention or information only as detailed in the General Manager's Report to the April, 2015 meeting be received and noted.

4/15/9 Resolved:

That the following issues for brief mention or information only as detailed in the General Manager's Report to the April, 2015 meeting be received and noted:

Local Government Reform Update
1520 Weeds Action Programme
CMCC new website

Moved: Clr Greenaway

Seconded: Clr Peart

Carried

8. ACTING SENIOR WEEDS OFFICER'S REPORT

8.1 Acting Senior Weeds Officer's Report

Recommendation: For Council's consideration.

04/15/10 Resolved:

That Council receive and note the acting Senior Weeds Officer's Report and a report be prepared for the June, 2015 providing an outline of a publicity campaign to explain the role of weeds spraying/time of the year for weeds spraying to avoid wastage of time and money

Moved: Clr Webb

Seconded: Clr Woodcock

Carried

8.2 Gilgandra Noxious Plant Report

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

04/15/11 Resolved:

That Council receive and confirm Noxious Plant report for Gilgandra.

Moved: Clr Webb

Seconded: Clr Peart

Carried

8.3 Warrumbungle Noxious Plant Report

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

04/15/12 Resolved:

That Council receive and confirm Noxious Plant report for Warrumbungle.

Moved: Clr Webb

Seconded: Clr Peart

Carried

8.4 Coonamble Noxious Plant Report

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

04/15/13 Resolved:

That Council receive and confirm Noxious Plant report for Coonamble.

Moved: Clr Webb

Seconded: Clr Peart

Carried

8.5 Walgett Noxious Plant Report

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

04/15/14 Resolved:

That Council receive and confirm Noxious Plant report for Walgett

Moved: Clr Webb

Seconded: Clr Peart

Carried

8.6 Warren Noxious Plant Report

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

04/15/15 Resolved:

That Council receive and confirm Noxious Plant report for Warren

Moved: Clr Webb

Seconded: Clr Peart

Carried

CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

1. Motion to move in to Confidential Session

04/15/16 Resolved:

That at 11.50 pm 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 Webb

Seconded: Clr Greenaway

Carried

2. Items 9.1 – 9.5 Acting Senior Weeds Officer’s Report:

Recommendation: That the Acting Senior Weeds Officer’s Written Report and Property Inspections Reports for each Council area be received and noted as a whole.

04/15/17 Recommendation:

That the Acting Senior Weeds Officer’s Written Report and Property Inspections Reports for each Council area be received and noted as a whole.

Moved: Clr Batten

Seconded: Clr Van Lubeck

Carried

9.6 Review of Workforce Strategy Plan – 2015 – 2019

Recommendation: That the revised Workforce Strategy Plan 2015-2019 be placed on public exhibition in conjunction with Council’s annual Budgetary process and comment invited.

04/15/18 Recommendation:

That the revised Workforce Strategy Plan 2015-2019 be placed on public exhibition in conjunction with Council's annual budgetary process and comment invited.

Moved: Clr Batten

Seconded: Clr Greenaway

Carried

3. Motion to move out of Confidential Session

04/15/19 Resolved:

That at 11.59 am Council move out of Confidential Session.

Moved: Clr Webb

Seconded: Clr Greenaway

Carried

4. Adoption of Committee Recommendations

04/15/20 Resolved:

That the following recommendation for the Confidential Committee be adopted:

That the Acting Chief Weeds Officer's Written Report and Property Inspections Reports for each Council area be received and noted as a whole.

That the revised Workforce Strategy Plan 2015-2019 be placed on public exhibition in conjunction with Council's annual Budgetary process and comment invited.

Moved: Clr Webb

Seconded: Clr Woodcock

Carried

General Business

1. Clr Greenaway:
Inquired whether Council still operated any petrol vehicles
2. Clr Batten
Sought details of the training vote for \$7,500
3. Clr Batten
That Council write to constituent councils and offer asset managers, plant operators and contract slasher operators training in weeds identification.
4. Clr Batten
Stressed the need for Council to run information stands at all towns on the annual show circuit and identified field days

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NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, 15 June, 2015 at Warren.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CONCLUDED AT 12.10 PM

To be confirmed as a true and accurate record at the Council Meeting held on 15 June, 2015.

CHAIRMAN

GENERAL MANAGER