

## CASTLEREAGH MACQUARIE COUNTY COUNCIL MINUTES

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CASTLEREAGH MACQUARIE COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER GILGANDRA ON WEDNESDAY 22 AUGUST 2012 AT 10:15AM

**PRESENT:** N Kinsey (Chairman), J Collison, P Shinton, D Schieb, I. Woodcock and M. Webb .

**Staff Members:** Don Ramsland and Ian Kelly.

**Visitor:** Mr. Reg Kidd.

#### 1. **APOLOGIES:** J.Wright, Richard Azar, Murray Coe.

##### **Minute No. 8/12/1**

**Resolved:** That apologies from Clrs J Wright, R. AZar and M Coe be accepted and leave of absence be granted.

**Moved:** Clr Webb

**Seconded:** Clr Shinton

**Carried**

#### 2. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

##### **Minute No. 8/12/2**

**Resolved:** That the minutes of the County Council meeting held Gilgandra on Wednesday 20 June 2012 be confirmed.

**Moved:** Clr Webb

**Seconded:** Clr Collison

**Carried**

#### 3. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES**

##### **3.1 Training – (27 March 2012)**

The meeting was advised that staff training had been an absolute success and that was culminating later at today's meeting by the presentation of a Diploma of Conservation Land Management to each member of Council's weeds inspection staff by Mr. Reg Kidd.

IT was estimated that Council had saved approximately \$130K by the method of approach to this training.

Clr Collison stressed the need for this training to be followed up and the skills now obtained by staff maintained.

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### **Freight Operation**

Cllr Webb queried the situation with regards the Coonamble based freight operation and whether Council needed to be involved in it.

The General Manager advised of his intention to prepare a mini-budget for the operation to gain a true reflection of the financial position and profitability.

### **4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORTS**

The Chairman reported verbally in respect of the following:

1. The success for completion of the training programme for weeds inspection staff
2. Having attended a Hudson Pear Tour at Lightning Ridge on 6/7 August attended by some 22 people where the success of the outcomes achieved over the last six years was displayed.
3. The completion of the first round of Council's Integrated Planning and Reporting documentation
4. The level of success of the road side spraying programme.

Clr Kinsey also expressed his appreciation to the ongoing support of both Councillors and staff during the term of the current Council and in particular for the efforts of Darren Arthur and the Warren Shire staff in providing the accounting function and support in this area.

#### **Minute No. 8/12/3**

**Resolved:** That the Chairman's verbal report be received and noted

**Moved:** Clr Kinsey

**Seconded:** Clr Webb

**Carried**

The Chairman also presented a written report with regards the meeting of the Macquarie Valley Weeds Advisory Committee on Tuesday 14 August, 2012 regarding a range of issues including the need to revised the basis for delegations to weeds inspection staff.

#### **Minute No. 8/12/4**

**Resolved:** That the Chairman's written report be received and noted

**Moved:** Clr Kinsey

**Seconded:** Clr Webb

**Carried**

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### Delegation of Powers and Functions under the Noxious Weeds Act

**Minute No. 8/12/5**

**Resolved:** That pursuant to Section 68 of the Noxious Weeds Act 1993 the powers and functions of the Castlereagh Macquarie County Council under the Noxious Weeds Act 1993 be delegated to the General Manager Mr. Donald Henry Ramsland.

**Moved:** Clr Webb

**Seconded:** Clr Collison

**Carried**

### 5. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

**Item 5.1 Bank Reconciliation as at 31 July 2012**

**Recommendation:** That the Statement of Bank Balances as 31 July, 2012 be received and noted.

**Minute No. 8/12/6**

**Resolved:** That the Bank Reconciliation as at 31 May 2012 be received and noted.

**Moved:** Clr Greenaway

**Seconded:** Clr Woodcock

**Carried**

**Item 5.2 Budget Review to 30 June, 2012**

**Recommendation:** That the Budget Review for the period ended 30 June 2012 be received and noted and the recorded variations to budget as detailed in the attached spread sheet be adopted.

**Minute No. 8/12/7**

**Resolved:** That the Budget Review for the period ended 30 June, 2011 be received and noted and the recorded variations to budget as detailed in the attached spread sheet be adopted.

**Moved:** Clr Greenaway

**Seconded:** Clr Woodcock

**Carried**

**Item 5.3** **Draft Financial Reports for the year ended 30 June, 2012**

**Recommendation:** At this point in the meeting the draft financial reports for the year ended 30 June, 2012 were tabled for Council's consideration.

**Minute No. 8/12/8**

**Resolved:**

1. That the necessary elected members and staff be authorised the sign the statements on the General Purpose Financial Reports for the year ending 30 June, 2012.
2. Council delegate to the General Manager the authority to "authorise the Year End Accounts for issue" subject to there being no material audit changes or audit issues, in accordance with AASB110, and
3. Council delegate to the General Manager the authority to "finalise the date" ar which the auditor's report and financial statements are to be presented to the public as required unser Section 418 (1) of the Local Government Act, 1993.

**Moved:** Clr Collison

**Seconded:** Clr Webb

**Carried**

**Item 5.5** **Matters for Information or Brief Mention**

**Recommendation:** For Council's Information.

**Minute No. 8/12/9**

**Resolved:** That the General Manager's report be received and noted

**Moved:** Clr Webb

**Seconded:** Clr Collison

**Carried**

Clr Webb left the meeting at 11.07 am and returned at 11.12 am

**Address by Mr. Reg Kidd – Presentation of certificates to weeds inspection staff**

At this point (11.10 am) Mr Reg Kidd addressed the meeting, outlining range of issues relating to weeds control and discussing a number of issues with Council including answering a series of Councillors questions.

Following this Mr Kidd presented Diplomas in Land Management to each member of Council's weeds inspection staff.

Councillor Kinsey then thanked MR Kidd for taking the time to attend the meeting and also for his efforts with staff training.

Normal proceedings were resumed at 11.45 am

**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

**Minute No. 8/12/10**

**Resolved:** That Council receive and confirm Noxious Plant report for Gilgandra.

**Moved:** Clr Woodcock

**Seconded:** Clr Greenaway

**Carried**

**Warrumbungle Noxious Plant Report**

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

**Minute No. 8/12/11**

**Resolved:** That Council receive and confirm Noxious Plant report for Warrumbungle.

**Moved:** Clr Woodcock

**Seconded:** Clr Greenaway

**Carried**

Clr peter Shinton left the meeting at 12.05 pm

**Coonamble Noxious Plant Report**

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

**Minute No. 8/12/12**

**Resolved:** That Council receive and confirm Noxious Plant report for Coonamble

**Moved:** Clr Woodcock

**Seconded:** Clr Greenaway

**Carried**

**Walgett Noxious Plant Report**

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

**Minute No. 8/12/13**

**Resolved:** That Council receive and confirm Noxious Plant report for Walgett

**Moved:** Clr Woodcock

**Seconded:** Clr Greenaway

**Carried**

**Warren Noxious Plant Report**

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

**Minute No. 8/12/14**

**Resolved:** That Council receive and confirm Noxious Plant report for Warren

**Moved:** Clr Woodcock

**Seconded:** Clr Greenaway

**Carried**

**CONFIDENTIAL SESSION**

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

**Minute No. 8/12/15**

**Resolved:** That at 12.13pm 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 Collison

**Seconded:** Clr Webb

**Carried**

**2. Property Inspections Report**

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

**Minute No. 8/12/16**

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

**Moved:** Clr Collison

**Seconded:** Clr Webb

**Carried**

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

**Minute No. 8/12/17**

**Resolved:** That at 12.14 pm Council move out of Confidential Session.

**Moved:** Clr Collison

**Seconded:** Clr Schieb

**Carried**

**4. Adoption of Committee Recommendations**

**Minute No. 8/12/18**

**Resolved:** That the following recommendation from the Confidential Committee be adopted:

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

**Moved:** Clr Webb

**Seconded:** Clr Woodcock

**Carried**

**General Business**

**1. Galvanised Burr**

The opinion of the meeting was that galvanised burr should be listed as part of communication and consultation tied up with the review of the Native Vegetation

**2. Funding Issue**

Clr Schieb requested the General Manager to investigate the situation with regards the transfer of LHPA funding to Orange.

**3. End of Term**

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Councillor Collison referred to the fact that this was the last meeting of the current Council and expressed the hope that the new Council take appropriate action to continue the initiatives put in place in recent months. Cllr Collison thanked all present indicating that the Council had worked together well and there had been no arguments, only positive discussions. The only thing that had gone backwards in the last four years was the level of funding available.

He wished all outgoing Councillors seeking re-election the best of luck and hoped that they are all returned and back on the Castlereagh Macquarie County Council.

### **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, 24 October, 2012 at Walgett.

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CONCLUDED AT 12.23 PM**

**Confirmed as true and accurate record at the Council Meeting held on 24 October, 2012**

**CHAIRMAN**

**GENERAL MANAGER**