

CASTLEREAGH MACQUARIE COUNTY COUNCIL MINUTES

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CASTLEREAGH MACQUARIE COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, WALGETT ON MONDAY 23 MARCH, 2015 COMMENCING AT 10:05 AM

1. PRESENT: N. Kinsey (Chairman), M. Coe (10.25 am), P. Shinton, A. Van Lubeck, D. Batten, I Woodcock, R. Greenaway and M. Webb,

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

Visitors: Mr Ken Harrison (Consultant)

2. **APOLOGIES:** D. Schieb and G. Peart

03/15/1 Resolved:

That apologies from Clrs. D. Schieb and G. Peart be accepted and leave of absence be granted.

Moved: Clr Greenaway

Seconded: Clr Webb

Carried

3. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Nil

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

03/15/2 Resolved:

That the minutes of the Castlereagh Macquarie County Council meeting held at Coonamble on Wednesday 17 December, 2014 having been circulated, be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

Moved: Clr Shinton

Seconded: Clr Van Lubeck

Carried

5. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman reported briefly on the success of the auction of Council's Coonamble Depot and surplus plant and equipment and also drew attention to the confidence he had that Council was now receiving well informed advice.

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Clr Kinsey apologised for being unable to attend the meeting of landholders at Coolah on 18 March, 2015 due to other commitments and mentioned the clarity of Council's Auditor's Report.

Clr Kinsey also highlighted the pending changes to the funding approach following the recent review of the Noxious Weeds legislation and stressed the need for Council to be vigilant in this area.

03/15/3 Resolved:

That the Chairman's report be received and noted.

Moved: Clr Kinsey

Seconded: Clr Woodcock

Carried

6. MATTERS ARISING

Comment was made that the missing seeder and crocodile had still not been located but the registered box trailers had all been accounted for.

The spray unit held by Warren Shire is to be written off this financial year.

Following the NSW Election, there will be a need to follow up a response to the LHPA future funding issue.

7. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Item 7.1 Bank Reconciliation as at 31 December, 2014, 31 January and 28 February, 2015

Recommendation: That the Bank Reconciliations as 31 December, 2014, 31 January and 28 February, 2015 be received and noted.

03/15/4 Resolved:

That the Bank Reconciliations as at 31 December, 2014, 31 January and 28 February, 2015 be received and noted.

Moved: Clr Van Lubeck

Seconded: Clr Webb

Carried

Item 7.2 Auction Sale of Coonamble Depot, Surplus Plant and Equipment

Recommendation: That General Manager's report be received and noted and Council execute the legal documents for the sale of the Coonamble Depot at 3 Buckley Street Coonamble under the Common Seal of Council and the boom spray be advertised for sale and/or on consignment.

03/15/5 Resolved:

That General Manager's report be received and noted and Council execute the legal documents for the sale of the Coonamble Depot at 3 Buckley Street Coonamble under the Common Seal of Council and the boom spray be advertised for sale and/or on consignment.

Moved: Clr Greenaway

Seconded: Clr Batten

Carried

Item 7.3 Organisational Restructure Report – Update March 2015.

This report was held over until the confidential section of the meeting.

Item 7.4 Quarterly Budget Review Statement - Period Ended 28 February, 2015

Recommendation: That the Quarterly Budget Review statement for the period ended 28 February, 2015 be received and noted and the recommended variations to the revised budget as detailed in the attached statements be adopted.

03/15/6 Resolved:

That the Quarterly Budget Review Statement for the period ended 28 February, 2015, be received and noted and the recommended variations to the revised budget as detailed in the attached statement be adopted.

Moved: Clr Coe

Seconded: Clr Greenaway

Carried

Item 7.5 Strategic/Risk Analysis – Hudson pear – Consultant's Report

At this point in the meeting Mr. Ken Harrison spoke to his report and fielded questions from Councillors in relation to his findings and recommendations.

Recommendation: That Board consider what action is appropriate for it to take and/or which recommendations it should support.

03/15/7 Resolved:

That the Council implement all nineteen recommendations from the Harrison Report and also forward a letter of thanks to Mr Ken Harrison for his efforts and presentation of the Report's findings to Council

Moved: Clr Greenaway
Seconded: Clr Webb

Carried

Item 7.6 Re-establishment of Hudson Pear Task Force

Recommendation: That the Board note the intention to convene a Hudson pear Task Force meeting prior to the end of April, 2015.

03/15/8 Resolved:

That Council note the intention to convene a Hudson pear Task Force meeting prior to the end of April, 2015 and that a letter be forwarded to the various organisation/agencies involved to ensure that their respective delegates have the necessary delegated authority to commit their organisation/agencies to action relevant treatment/control measures.

Moved: Clr Shinton
Seconded: Clr Woodcock

Carried

03/15/9 Resolved:

That the General Manager write to the Coonamble Shire Council and advise of the presence of noxious weeds in the form of Hudson pear and Blue Heliotrope in the gravel pit at the 5 Ways and request care be exercised in the use of gravel from this pit.

Moved: Clr Batten
Seconded: Clr Shinton

Carried

Item 7.7 Local Government Reform Process – Impact on CMCC

Recommendation: That Council receive and note the General Manager's Report

3/15/10 Resolved:

That Council receive and note the General Manager's Report

Moved: Clr Batten
Seconded: Clr Shinton

Carried

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Suspension of Standing Orders

At this point in the meeting Clrs Batten and Woodcock moved the suspension of standing orders to discuss the possibility of each council running its own weeds function.

Clr Batten raised the scale and capacity issue which is the focus of “Fit for the Future” local Government reform considerations. He raised chain of command issues and suggested the possibility that one council could take over the running of the weeds function under Section 355 removing many of the short comings of the County Council approach and at the same time improve the level of supervision.

Clr Coe commented that Section 355 committees primarily had an advisory function and still only made recommendations which had to be considered at a council level. He believed that a contract arrangement would be needed tfor this approach to work effectively.

At this point Clrs Batten and Coe moved the resumption of standing orders.

Item 7.8 Grant Funding

Recommendation: That Council maintain a watching brief over the impact of new legislation on Council’s traditional funding sources.

3/15/11 Resolved:

That Council maintain a watching brief over the impact of new legislation on Council’s traditional funding sources.

Moved: Clr Webb

Seconded: Clr Woodcock

Carried

Item 7.9 Depot Facilities

Recommendation: That Council note the intention for appropriate documentation to be prepared in respect of all Council’s depot facilities with constituent councils.

03/15/12 Resolved:

That Council note the intention for appropriate documentation to be prepared in respect of all Council’s depot facilities with constituent councils.

Moved: Clr Webb

Seconded: Clr Greenaway

Carried

Item 7.10 Meeting to Discuss Control of St John's Wort – Coolah – Wednesday 18 March, 2015

Recommendation: That a draft co-ordinated treatment and monitoring programme for St John's Wort in the Coolah District be prepared for consideration at Council April, 2015 meeting.

03/15/13 Resolved:

That a draft co-ordinated treatment and monitoring programme for St John's Wort in the Coolah District be prepared for consideration at Council's April, 2015 meeting.

Moved: Clr Shinton

Seconded: Clr Batten

Carried

Mr Harrison left the meeting at 11.55 am

8. ACTING SENIOR WEEDS OFFICER'S REPORT

8.1 Acting Senior Weeds Officer's Report

Recommendation: For Council's consideration.

03/15/14 Resolved:

That Council receive and note the acting Senior Weeds Officer's Report.

Moved: Clr Webb

Seconded: Clr Batten

Carried

8.2 Gilgandra Noxious Plant Report

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

03/15/15 Resolved:

That Council receive and confirm Noxious Plant report for Gilgandra.

Moved: Clr Webb

Seconded: Clr Greenaway

Carried

8.3 Warrumbungle Noxious Plant Report

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

03/15/16 Resolved:

That Council receive and confirm Noxious Plant report for Warrumbungle.

Moved: Clr Webb

Seconded: Clr Greenaway

Carried

8.4 Coonamble Noxious Plant Report

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

03/15/17 Resolved:

That Council receive and confirm Noxious Plant report for Coonamble.

Moved: Clr Webb

Seconded: Clr Greenaway

Carried

8.5 Walgett Noxious Plant Report

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

03/15/18 Resolved:

That Council receive and confirm Noxious Plant report for Walgett

Moved: Clr Webb

Seconded: Clr Greenaway

Carried

8.6 Warren Noxious Plant Report

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

03/15/19 Resolved:

That Council receive and confirm Noxious Plant report for Warren

Moved: Clr Webb

Seconded: Clr Greenaway

Carried

CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

1. Motion to move in to Confidential Session

03/15/20 Resolved:

That at 1.05 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 Greenaway

Seconded: Clr Van Lubeck

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.

03/15/21 Recommendation:

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

Moved: Clr Woodcock

Seconded: Clr Webb

Carried

9.6 Consideration of Information Request by NSW Office of Local Government and Warrumbungle Shire Council

Recommendation: That Council should provide a written explanation to the constituent councils and the OLG and also endeavour to fast track repayment of the advances.

03/15/22 Recommendation:

That Council Receive and note the General Manager's report and provide a written explanation to all the constituent councils and the OLG and also endeavour to fast track repayment of the advances.

Moved: Clr Webb
Seconded: Clr Batten

Carried

7.3 Organisational Restructure Report – Update March, 2015.

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

03/15/23 Recommended:

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

Moved: Clr Greenaway
Seconded: Clr Woodcock

Carried

3. Motion to move out of Confidential Session

03/15/24 Resolved:

That at 1.47 pm Council move out of Confidential Session.

Moved: Clr Batten
Seconded: Clr Webb

Carried

4. **Adoption of Committee Recommendations**

03/15/25 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 Council Receive and note the General manager's report and provide a written explanation to all the constituent councils and the OLG and also endeavour to fast track repayment of the advances.

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

Moved: Clr Webb

Seconded: Clr Woodcock

Carried

General Business

Nil.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was scheduled for Monday, 20 April, 2015 at Gilgandra.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CONCLUDED AT 1.49 PM

To be confirmed as a true and accurate record at the Council Meeting held on 20 April 2014.

CHAIRMAN

GENERAL MANAGER