

CASTLEREAGH MACQUARIE COUNTY COUNCIL MINUTES

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CASTLEREAGH MACQUARIE COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE GILGANDRA SHIRE COUNCIL CHAMBER, GILGANDRA ON WEDNESDAY 25 JUNE 2014 COMMENCING AT 10:00AM

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), John Unwin (Acting Chief Weeds Officer) and Kevin Watling/Ian Proust (Gilgandra Weeds Officers).

Visitors: Nil.

2. **APOLOGIES:** D. Schieb, M. Coe (late) and G. Peart

06/14/1 Resolved:

That apologies from Clrs. D. Schieb, M. Coe (late arrival) and G. Peart be accepted and leave of absence be granted.

Moved: Clr Webb

Seconded: Clr Shinton

Carried

3. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Nil

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

06/14/2 Resolved:

That the minutes of the Castlereagh Macquarie County Council meeting held at Walgett on Wednesday 7 May, 2014 having been circulated, be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

Moved: Clr Webb

Seconded: Clr Batten

Carried

5. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Clr Noel Kinsey extended his thanks to General Manager Don Ramsland for preparing Council's review on the Crown Lands Management Act in NSW as this will be an issue affecting all landholders in NSW.

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Clr Kinsey also commented that the report on the Hudson Pear infestation on the Five Ways was most disturbing and to a point shows how badly the system has been working.

He has now been in touch with Prime TV and subject to the meeting's agreement he believed that Council should be making the public aware of the situation.

He also extended a welcome to Gilgandra Weed Officers Kevin Watling and Ian Proust.

05/14/3 Resolved:

That the Chairman's report be received and noted.

Moved: Clr Kinsey

Seconded: Clr Greenaway

Carried

6. MATTERS ARISING

There was general discussion in relation to the weeds infestations of Hudson Pear at the Five Ways and Lightning Ridge, Harrisia Cactus at Lightning Ridge, Nevertire and Boxthorn in and around Coonamble.

06/14/4 Resolved:

That the Chairman be authorised to contact the local media, including Prime TV, to stress the need for special weed control/eradication funding for Hudson Pear, Harrisia Cactus and Boxthorn within the County area.

Moved: Clr Shinton

Seconded: Clr Van Lubeck

Carried

Clr Murray Coe arrived at the meeting at 10.25 a.m.

7. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Item 7.1 Bank Reconciliation as at 31 May, 2014

Recommendation: That the Statement of Bank Balances as 31 May, 2014 be received and noted.

06/14/5 Resolved:

That the Bank Reconciliation as at 31 May, 2014 be received and noted.

Moved: Clr Greenaway

Seconded: Clr Woodcock

Carried

Item 7.2 Organizational Review Update

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

Item 7.3 Quarterly Budget Review Statement to 31 May, 2014

Recommendation: That the Quarterly Budget Review statement for the period ended 31 May, 2014 be received and noted and the recommended variations to the revised budget as detailed in the attached statements be adopted.

06/14/6 Resolved:

That the Quarterly Budget Review Statement for the period ended 31 May, 2014, be received and noted and the recommended variations to the revised budget as detailed in the attached statements be adopted.

Moved: Clr Coe

Seconded: Clr Woodcock

Carried

Item 7.4 2014/15 Budget and Operational Plan and Updated Integrated Planning and Reporting Documentation

Recommendation: That the 2014/15 Budget and Operational Plan and Update Integrated Planning and Reporting Documentation, having been on public exhibition between 14 May, 2014 and 18 June, 2014 and no submissions being forthcoming, now be formally adopted with the minor variations detailed in the General Manager's Report.

06/14/7 Resolved:

That the 2014/15 Budget and Operational Plan and Update Integrated Planning and Reporting Documentation, having been on public exhibition between 14 May, 2014 and 18 June, 2014 and no submissions being forthcoming, now be formally adopted with the minor variations detailed in the General Manager's Report.

Moved: Clr Greenaway

Seconded: Clr Webb

Carried

Item 7.5 Re-establishment of Hudson Pear Taskforce

Recommendation: That Council consider re-establishment of the Hudson Pear Taskforce under an independent Chairperson.

06/14/8 Resolved:

That Council sponsor the establishment of a Hudson Pear/Harrisia Cactus Taskforce and seek funding through the local LLSs for the funding of an independent chairperson and a secretariat to be facilitated by CMCC.

Moved: Clr Greenaway

Seconded: Clr Batten

Carried

06/14/9 Resolved:

That the General Manager contact Messrs Geoff Wise and Ian Woodcock to see if they would be prepared to accept the position of independent chairperson.

Moved: Clr Greenaway

Seconded: Clr Batten

Carried

06/14/10 Resolved:

That the General Manager take action to ensure that Hudson Pear trial areas at Lightning Ridge have an appropriate stock proof fence erected around each area by the DPI.

Moved: Clr Webb

Seconded: Clr Van Lubeck

Carried

Item 7.6 Matters for Information or Brief Mention

Recommendation: For the Council's information.

06/14/11 Resolved:

That the issues for brief mention or information only as detailed in the General Manager's report to the June, 2014 meeting be received and noted.

Moved: Clr Van Lubeck

Seconded: Clr Woodcock

Carried

8. ACTING CHIEF WEEDS OFFICER'S REPORT

8.1 Noxious Plant Report

Gilgandra Noxious Plant Report

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

06/14/14 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

06/14/15 Resolved:

That Council receive and confirm Noxious Plant report for Warrumbungle.

Moved: Clr Webb

Seconded: Clr Van Lubeck

Carried

Coonamble Noxious Plant Report

No report was lodged in respect of Coonamble as the Weeds Officers have been on Sick Leave

Walgett Noxious Plant Report

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

06/14/16 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

06/14/17 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

06/14/18 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) (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 Batten

Carried

2. Item 9.1 Acting Chief Weeds Officer's Report:

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.

06/14/19 Resolved:

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

At 11.55 pm Messrs John Unwin, Kevin Watling and Ian Proust left the meeting.

7.2 Organisational Restructure Report - Progress

Recommendation: For Council's consideration

06/14/20 Resolved:

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

In addition Council:

Accept the proposal from Walgett Shire Council for the provision of administrative and financial services support from 1 July, 2014 at an initial annual fee of \$25,000 and

Endorse the action planned in respect of the change of Council's address for the service of notices, email address, and telephone and fax contact details.

Moved: Clr Greenaway

Seconded: Clr Woodcock

Carried

06/14/21 Resolved:

That the General Manager and Clr Schieb work out arrangements for an auction to dispose of Council's surplus plant and equipment.

Moved: Clr Batten

Seconded: Clr Coe

Carried

Motion to move out of Confidential

3. Motion to move out of Confidential Session

06/14/22 Resolved:

That at 12.15 pm Council move out of Confidential Session.

Moved: Clr Greenaway

Seconded: Clr Woodcock

Carried

4. Adoption of Committee Recommendations

06/14/23 Resolved:

That the following recommendation for the Confidential Committee be adopted:

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

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

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Endorse the action planned in respect of the change of Council's address for the service of notices, email address, and telephone and fax contact details.

3. That the General Manager and Clr Schieb work out arrangements for an auction to dispose of Council's surplus plant and equipment.

Moved: Clr Greenaway

Seconded: Clr woodcock

Carried

General Business

1. Invitation to Local Land Services Chairs and Executive Officers.

The General Manager was requested to invite the chairperson and executive Officer of the three Local Land Services to attend the August Meeting of Council to explain the roles of the respective Local Land Services.

2. Leave of Absence:

Clr Coe lodged an apology for the August, 2014 meeting as he will be away

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, 20 August, 2014 at Warren.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CONCLUDED AT 12.15 PM

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

CHAIRMAN

GENERAL MANAGER