

## CASTLEREAGH MACQUARIE COUNTY COUNCIL MINUTES

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CASTLEREAGH MACQUARIE COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE GILGANDRA COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON MONDAY 29 FEBRUARY 2016 COMMENCING AT 10:00AM

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

**Staff Members:** D. Ramsland (General Manager), J. Unwin (Acting Chief Weeds Officer) and K. Watling (Weeds Officer)

1. **WELCOME:** Clr Kinsey welcomed all councillors and staff to the meeting.
2. **APOLOGIES:** Clr Greenaway (late arrival)

#### 2/16/1 Resolved:

Apology for late arrival be received and leave granted.

**Moved:** Clr Webb

**Seconded:** Clr Van Lubeck

**Carried**

*Clr Greenaway entered the meeting room at 10.05am*

3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**- Nil
4. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

#### 2/16/2 Resolved:

That the minutes of the Castlereagh Macquarie County Council meeting held at Walgett on Monday 21 December, 2015, having been circulated, be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

**Moved:** Clr Batten

**Seconded:** Clr Shinton

**Carried**

5. **MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES** -Nil

**6. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Chairman Clr Kinsey reported as follows:

Clr Kinsey advised of the new Biosecurity Act Discussion documents that were circulated by the Department of Primary Industries on 18 January, 2016. The Department were seeking submissions by 12 February, 2016. The DPI is currently developing the regulations, policies and procedures that will support the Act and are keen to hear from industry, government and community partners to ensure they develop an effective and efficient regulatory framework. The Chairman also advised that it is an opportunity for Council to provide valuable input.

Clr Kinsey advised of his concern in relation to the listing of weeds that have been excluded from the discussion paper that may affect the farming industry and the County area.

It has been requested by DPI that each individual Council provide information on six most prominent weeds in their area in order to assist DPI in the development of a strategic approach towards the eradication of these weeds.

Clr Kinsey advised that Council needs to seek alternative sources of funding to relieve current budget constraints.

The LLS are required to provide environmental reports in relation to overall works being carried out. The chairman suggested that these reports be reviewed by CMCC prior to being presented to the board.

Clr Kinsey extended his thanks to Clr Greenaway for chairing the meeting in his absence at the last Council meeting on 21 December, 2015.

**2/16/3 Resolved:**

That the Chairman's report be received and noted.

**Moved:** Clr Kinsey

**Seconded:** Clr Woodcock

**Carried**

**7. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

**Item 7.1 Reconciliation Certificate 31 December 2015 & 31 January 2016.**

**Recommendation:** That the Statement of Bank Balances as at 31 December, 2015 and 31 January, 2016 be received and noted.

**2/16/4 Resolved:**

That the Bank Reconciliations as at 31 December, 2015 and 31 January, 2016 be received and noted.

**Moved:** Clr Peart  
**Seconded:** Clr Greenaway

**Carried**

**Item 7.2 Quarterly Budget Review Statement – Period Ended 31 January, 2016**

**Recommendation:** That the Quarterly Budget Review Statement for the period ended 31 January, 2016 be received and noted and the recommended variations to the revised budget as detailed in the attached statement be adopted.

**2/16/5 Resolved:**

That the Quarterly Budget Review Statement for the period ended 31 January, 2016 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 Webb

**Carried**

**Item 7.3 Organisational Restructure Report – Update – January, 2016**

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

**2/16/6 Resolved:**

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

**Moved:** Clr Batten  
**Seconded:** Clr Shinton

**Carried**

**2/16/7 Resolved:**

That Council write to the Department of Primary Industries expressing concern in relation to lack of control of weed infestations along rail corridors and in National Parks.

**Moved:** Clr Batten  
**Seconded:** Clr Schieb

**Carried**

**Item 7.4 Hudson Pear Taskforce Update**

**Recommendation:** That the minutes of the meeting of the Hudson Pear Taskforce held on Thursday 29 October, 2015 be received and noted and the General Manager's report endorsed.

**2/16/8 Resolved:**

1. That the minutes of the meeting of the Hudson Pear Taskforce held on Thursday 29 October, 2015 be received and noted and the General Manager's report endorsed.
2. Council write to the Department of Industries and LLS seeking a response to the notices being issued by CMCC detailing the works undertaken and final outcomes achieved at the 5 ways infestation including ongoing monitoring.

**Moved:** Clr Batten  
**Seconded:** Clr Greenaway

**Carried**

**Item 7.5 CMCC – Future of depot facilities**

**Recommendation:** That Council note the intention to prepare plans and cost estimate for a new facility at Coonamble in addition to the need for appropriate documentation to be prepared in respect of all Council's depot facilities with constituent councils.

**2/16/9 Resolved:**

1. That Council note the intention to prepare plans and cost estimate for a new facility at Coonamble in addition to the need for appropriate documentation to be prepared in respect of all Council's depot facilities with constituent councils.
2. Council again explore the possibility of using the old sign shed at the Coonamble Shire depot.

**Moved:** Clr Batten  
**Seconded:** Clr Webb

**Carried**

**Item 7.6 Major Grant Funding – 2014/15 and Beyond**

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

**2/16/10 Resolved:**

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

**Moved:** Clr Shinton

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**Seconded:** Clr Schieb

**Carried**

**Item 7.7 Local Government Reform Process – Impact on CMCC**

**Recommendation:** That Council receive and note the General Manager’s report.

**2/16/11 Resolved:**

That Council receive and note the General Manager’s report and the issue of Council’s number of delegates be reviewed at the April, 2016 meeting.

**Moved:** Clr Webb

**Seconded:** Clr Van Lubeck

**Carried**

**2/16/12 Resolved:**

That Council consider amending its constitution prior to the elections in September 2016.

**Moved:** Clr Schieb

**Seconded:** Clr Van Lubeck

**Carried**

**Item 7.8. Matters for Brief Mention or Information Only**

**Recommendation:** That the above issues for brief mention for information only as detailed in the General Manager’s report to be received and noted.

**2/16/13 Resolved:**

That the above issues for brief mention for information only as detailed in the General Manager’s report be received and noted.

**Moved:** Clr Greenaway

**Seconded:** Clr Webb

**Carried**

**8. ACTING SENIOR WEEDS OFFICER’S REPORT**

**Item 8.1 Acting Senior Weeds Officer’s Report**

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**Recommendation:** That Council receive and note the Acting Senior Weeds Officer's Report.

**2/16/14 Resolved:**

That Council receive and note the Acting Senior Weeds Officer's report for December 2015/January 2016.

**Moved:** Clr Webb

**Seconded:** Clr Woodcock

**Carried**

**2/16/15 Resolved:**

That Council seek clarification of the agency responsible for weed eradication on Crown Land and rivers.

**Moved:** Clr Schieb

**Seconded:** Clr Shinton

**Carried**

**Item 8.2 Noxious Plant Reports**

**Recommendation:** That Council receive and note the Noxious Plant reports for Coonamble, Gilgandra, Walgett, Warren and Warrumbungles.

**2/16/16 Resolved:**

That Council receive and confirm Noxious Plant reports for Coonamble, Gilgandra, Walgett, Warren and Warrumbungles.

**Moved:** Clr Webb

**Seconded:** Clr Shinton

**Carried**

**CONFIDENTIAL SESSION**

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

**2/16/17 Resolved:**

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That at 12.30pm 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 Batten  
**Seconded:** Clr Greenaway

**Carried**

### **2. Property Inspections Report**

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

**2/16/18 Recommendation:**

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

**Moved:** Clr Batten  
**Seconded:** Clr Greenaway

**Carried**

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

**2/16/19 Resolved:**

That at 12.40 pm Council move out of Confidential Session.

**Moved:** Clr Woodcock  
**Seconded:** Clr Webb

**Carried**

### **Adoption of Closed Section Reports**

**2/16/20 Resolved:**

That Council adopt the recommendations of the Closed Committee Reports.

- Property Inspections Report

**Moved:** Clr Webb  
**Seconded:** Clr Woodcock

**Carried**

### **General Business**

1. Clr Batten suggested that the constituent Councils be advised that Council minutes may be accessed on the CMCC website at anytime.
2. General Manager advised Councillors of new technology (handheld integrated mapping systems) being investigated for the purpose of improving CMCC records.

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3. Each individual Council be requested to provide of details of the six ‘worst’ weeds in their area to put forward to LLS’s.

**2/16/21      Resolved:**

That the General Manager provides a report of the updated budget including the proposed funds to be allocated for new computer equipment.

**Moved:**      Clr Peart

**Seconded:**      Clr Woodcock

**Carried**

**NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday 4 April, 2016 at Warren.

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CONCLUDED AT 12.55PM**

**To be confirmed as a true and accurate record at the Council Meeting held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2016.**

**CHAIRMAN**

**GENERAL MANAGER**