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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CASTLEREAGH MACQUARIE COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE WARRUMBUNGE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON MONDAY 10 APRIL 2017 COMMENCING AT 9:55AM

PRESENT: Clrs D. Batten (Chairman), G. Peart, I. Woodcock, M. Webb, B. Fisher, P. Shinton and R. Lewis

Staff Members: D. Ramsland (General Manager), J. Unwin (Senior Weeds Officer) and A. McCudden (Minute Secretary)

- 1. WELCOME:** Clr Batten welcomed all councillors and staff to the meeting.
- 2. APOLOGIES:** M. Beach, A. Brewer and M. Martinez

4/17/1 Resolved:

That apologies from M. Beach, A. Brewer and M. Martinez be accepted and leave of absence be granted.

Moved: Clr Shinton

Seconded: Clr Webb

Carried

- 3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**- Nil

- 4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

4/17/2 Resolved:

That the minutes of the Castlereagh Macquarie County Council meeting held at Warren on Monday 20 February, 2017, having been circulated, be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

Moved: Clr Webb

Seconded: Clr Peart

Carried

- 5. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES** - Nil

- 6. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Chairman Clr Batten reported as follows:

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Clr Batten advised that since the last meeting he has had the opportunity to attend two significant meetings, the first being the North West Local Land Services public consultation on the Draft North West and Central West Strategic Weed Management plan for 2017-2022.

The allocation of weed species into weed management prioritisation categories of Prevention, Eradication, Containment and Asset Protection will provide for an objective and repeatable risk assessment to further enable CMCC to best utilise its resources. The challenge going forward will be to ensure that desired outcomes of the strategy are in alignment with the various legislative requirements, in particular enforcement provisions.

Clr Batten together with councillors Woodcock, Martinez and Senior Staff attended the Hudson Pear Taskforce Meeting held in Lightning Ridge on Wednesday 5 April, 2017. Clr Batten put forward that there does appear to be a real appetite amongst the State Government Agencies and other stakeholders, of which CMCC is undoubtedly the major one, to build on the achievements to date and to ensure a coordinated long term resolution to this problem.

Clr Batten advised that at the next HPTF Meeting to be held in August, the committee will be undertaking a review of its terms of reference to ensure that it is closely aligned with the Local Land Services Strategic Weed Management Plans and community aspirations.

Clr Batten pointed out that informal discussions were had with the General Manager regarding the bi-monthly cycle of Council Meetings and invited discussion to move the meetings to quarterly meetings, in line with Council's QBRS meetings held in February, May, August and November with the option to schedule a fifth meeting for budget planning when and if required.

4/17/3 Resolved:

That the Chairman's report be received and noted.

Moved: Clr Batten

Seconded: Clr Peart

Carried

4/17/4 Resolved:

Councillors requested that the General Manager provide a report regarding the possibility of bi-monthly Council meetings moving to quarterly meetings, in line with Council's QBRS meetings held in February, May, August and November with the option to schedule a fifth meeting for budget planning when and if required.

Moved: Clr Peart

Seconded: Clr Lewis

Carried

7. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Item 7.1 Reconciliation Certificate 28 February 2017

Recommendation: That the Statement of Bank Balances as at 28 February 2017 be received and noted.

4/17/5 Resolved:

That the Bank Reconciliation as at 28 February 2017 be received and noted.

Moved: Clr Webb

Seconded: Clr Woodcock

Carried

Item 7.2 Quarterly Budget Review Statement – Period Ended 31 March, 2017

Recommendation: That the Quarterly Budget Review Statement for the period ended 31 March, 2017 be received and noted and the recommended variations to the revised budget as detailed in the attached statement be adopted.

4/17/6 Resolved:

That the Quarterly Budget Review Statement for the period ended 31 March 2017 be received and noted and the recommended variations to the revised budget as detailed in the attached statement be adopted.

Moved: Clr Webb

Seconded: Clr Peart

Carried

Item 7.3. Organisational Action Plan – March 2017

Recommendation: That Council receive and note the General Manager's report in respect of the progress being made in respect of the new Organisational Action Plan and endorse the action taken so far.

4/17/7 Resolved:

That Council receive and note the General Manager's report in respect of the progress being made in respect of the new Organisational Action Plan and endorse the action taken so far.

Moved: Clr Lewis

Seconded: Clr Shinton

Carried

Item 7.4 Additional Grant Funding – 2016/2017 and Beyond

Recommendation: That Council note the General Manager's report and maintain a watching brief over the impact of new legislation on Council's traditional funding sources.

4/17/8 Resolved:

That Council receive and note the General Manager's report and maintain a watching brief over the impact of new legislation on Council's traditional funding sources.

Moved: Clr Webb
Seconded: Clr Shinton

Carried

Item 7.5 Biosecurity Act 2015 – Staff Training

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

4/17/9 Resolved:

That Council receive and note the General Manager's report.

Moved: Clr Woodcock
Seconded: Clr Peart

Carried

Item 7.6 Draft Annual Budget and Integrated Planning and Reporting Documentation 2017/2018

Recommendation: That Council adopt the draft 2017/2018 draft Operational Plan and Budget, together with draft Integrated Planning and Reporting Documentation, in principle and be placed on public exhibition and comment invited prior to the documents being further considered for formal adoption at Council's meeting on 19 June, 2017.

4/17/10 Resolved:

1. That Council adopt the draft 2017/2018 draft Operational Plan and Budget, together with draft Integrated Planning and Reporting Documentation, in principle and be placed on public exhibition and comment invited prior to the documents being further considered for formal adoption at Council's meeting on 19 June, 2017.
2. Council place scenario 3 on public exhibition and invite comment prior to the documents being further considered for formal adoption at Council meeting on 19 June, 2017.

Moved: Clr Webb
Seconded: Clr Lewis

Carried

Item 7.7 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, 2017 meeting be received and noted and Council determine any other action required.

4/17/11 Resolved:

That the above issues for brief mention or information only as detailed in the General Manager's report to the April, 2017 meeting be received and noted and Council determine what further action, if any, should be taken in respect of the matters listed.

Moved: Clr Peart
Seconded: Clr Fisher

Carried

8. SENIOR WEEDS OFFICER'S REPORT

Item 8.1 Senior Weeds Officer's Report

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

4/17/12 Resolved:

That Council receive and note the Senior Weeds Officer's report for February / March 2017

Moved: Clr Webb
Seconded: Clr Peart

Carried

Item 8.2 Noxious Plant Reports

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

2/17/11 Resolved:

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

Moved: Clr Webb
Seconded: Clr Lewis

Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. John Unwin confirmed that the Mimosa Bush found on the Common Reserve at Coonamble is a feral native and not classified as a noxious weed.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday 19 June, 2017 at Coonamble.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CONCLUDED AT 11:58AM.

To be confirmed as a true and accurate record at the Council Meeting to be held on Monday 19 June 2017.

CHAIRMAN

GENERAL MANAGER

Minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting – 10 April 2017

Recommendation:

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held 10 April 2017, having been circulated be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

Moved:

Seconded: