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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CASTLEREAGH MACQUARIE COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE GILGANDRA SHIRE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON MONDAY 3 DECEMBER 2018 COMMENCING AT 10:05AM

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

ABSENT: Clrs M. Beach and M.Webb

Staff Members: D. Ramsland (General Manager), A. Fletcher (Senior Weeds Officer), and K Watling (Weeds Officer – Gilgandra)

- 1. WELCOME:** Clr Batten welcomed all councillors and staff to the meeting.
- 2. APOLOGIES:** Clrs M. Webb and M. Beach.

12/18/1 Resolved:

That apologies from Clrs M. Webb and M Beach accepted and leave of absence be granted.

Moved: Clr Lewis
Seconded: Clr Brewer

Carried

Suspension of Standing Orders

12/18/2 Resolved:

That Council suspend standing orders to allow the annual election of Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson to proceed.

Moved: Clr Woodcock
Seconded: Clr Brewer

Carried

Election of Chairperson/Deputy Chairperson

The General Manager then assumed the Chair as Returning Officer to conduct the Chairperson Elections.

12/18/3 Resolved:

That Council adopt the ordinary ballot method for the election of the Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson.

Moved: Clr Peart

Seconded: Clr Woodcock

Carried

Election of Chairperson for Ensuring One (1) Year

There being only one nomination for the position of Chairperson, being Clr D Batten the Returning Officer declared Clr Doug Batten as elected as the Chairperson for the ensuring term.

Election of Deputy Chairperson for Ensuring One (1) Year

There being only one nomination for the position of Deputy Chairperson, being Clr M Webb the Returning Officer declared Clr Michael Webb as elected as the Deputy Chairperson for the ensuring term.

Resumption of Standing Orders

12/18/4 Resolved:

That Standing Orders be resumed

Moved: Clr Fisher

Seconded: Clr Lewis

Carried

Clr Batten then assumed the Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

6. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

7. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

12/18/5 Resolved:

That the minutes of the Castlereagh Macquarie County Council meeting held at Lightning Ridge on Wednesday 19 September, 2018, having been circulated, be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

Moved: Clr Woodcock

Seconded: Clr Shinton

Carried

8. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Motion 09/18/15 – Awaiting advice from LGNSW with regards late motion to the Annual Conference which has been referred to the executive before formally raising matters with local members although preliminary contact has been made.

9. CHAIRMANS REPORT

Nil

10. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Item 10.1 Reconciliation Certificate 30 September and 31 October 2018

Recommendation: That the Statement of Bank Balances as at 30 September and 31 October 2018 be received and noted.

12/18/6 Resolved:

That the Bank Reconciliation as at 30 September and 31 October 2018 be received and noted.

Moved: Clr Peart

Seconded: Clr Martinez

Carried

Item 10.2 Quarterly Budget Review Statement – Period Ended 31 October, 2018

Recommendation: That the Quarterly Budget Review Statement for the period ended 31 October, 2018 be received and noted and the recommended variations to the revised budget as detailed in the attached statement be adopted.

12/18/7 Resolved:

That the Quarterly Budget Review Statement for the period ended 31 October, 2018 be received and noted and the recommended variations to the revised budget as detailed in the attached statement be adopted.

And further the cost of the erection of signs on the various shire boundaries to promote a “weed of the month” focus be investigated/reported to the next meeting together with the establishment of more stringent protocols for various contractors/constituent council/essential energy staff to make them aware of weed identification and minimisation of spreading priority weeds during operational activities.

Moved: Clr Woodcock

Seconded: Clr Fisher

Carried

Item 10.3. Presentation of Auditor’s Report/Annual Financial Statements 2017/2018

At this point in time Mr Phil Delahunty of RSDAudit (Contract Auditors) was on line by teleconference link and addressed Council in respect of the 2018 Auditor General’s Audit Report.

Recommendation: That Council now receive and note the Auditor General’s Report for 2018 and formally adopt the audited Financial Statements of Account for the year ended 30 June, 2018.

12/18/8 Resolved:

That Council now receive and note the Auditor General’s Report for 2018 and formally adopt Council’s audited Financial Statements of Account for the year ended 30 June, 2018.

Moved: Clr Martinez

Seconded: Clr Shinton

Carried

Item 10.4. Review of Organisational Action Plan – September 2018

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

12/18/9 Resolved:

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

Moved: Clr Lewis

Seconded: Clr Woodcock

Carried

Item 10.5. Consideration and Adoption of Annual Report – 2017/2018

At this point of time in the meeting the annual report was tabled for consideration

Recommendation: That Council consider and adopt the draft 2017/2018 Annual Report and note that the auditor’s figures are still pending.

12/18/10 Resolved:

That Council adopt the 2017/2018 Annual Report.

Moved: Clr Lewis

Seconded: Clr Brewer

Carried

Item 10.6. Closedown of Outdoor Staff over Festive Season

Recommendation:

1. Council operations will close for a period of two weeks commencing 21 December 2018 till 4 January 2019 inclusive.
2. Staff will be required to take either Annual Leave or accumulative time in lieu during this closedown period
3. The closedown period will be published in local media outlets.

12/18/11 Resolved:

1. Council operations will close for a period of two weeks commencing 21 December 2018 till 4 January 2019 inclusive.
2. Staff will be required to take either Annual Leave or accumulative time in lieu during this closedown period
3. The closedown period will be published in local media outlets.

Moved: Clr Shinton

Seconded: Clr Peart

Carried

Item 10.7. Pecuniary Interest and Related Third Parties Declarations Registers

At this point of time in the meeting the pecuniary interest and related third parties declaration registers were tabled for information.

Recommendation: That the General Manager's Report in respect of the pecuniary interest and related third parties declarations registers be received and noted.

12/18/12 Resolved:

That the General Manager's Report in respect of the pecuniary interest and related third parties declarations registers be received and noted.

Moved: Clr Martinez

Seconded: Clr Lewis

Carried

Item 10.8. Ordinary Council Meetings –Time, Dates and Venues for 2019

Recommendation:

That Council endorse the below time, dates and venues for the 2019 Ordinary Council Meetings.

- 25 March – Coonamble – Council Chambers
- 24 June – Warren – Council Chambers
- 19 August – Coonabarabran – Council Chambers
- 18 November – Walgett – Council Chambers

12/18/13 Resolved:

That Council endorse the below time, dates and venues for the 2019 Ordinary Council Meetings.

25 March – Coonamble – Council Chambers

24 June – Warren – Council Chambers

19 August – Coonabarabran – Council Chambers

18 November – Walgett – Council Chambers

Moved: Clr Peart

Seconded: Clr Woodcock

Carried

Item 10.9. 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 November, 2018 meeting be received and noted.

12/18/14 Resolved:

That the above issues for brief mention or information only as detailed in the General Manager's report to the November, 2018 meeting be received and noted.

Moved: Clr Lewis

Seconded: Clr Peart

Carried

11. SENIOR WEEDS OFFICER'S REPORT

Item 11.1. Senior Weeds Officer's Report

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

12/18/15 Resolved:

That Council receive and note the Senior Weeds Officer's report for November 2018 including the inspection figures for each shire and that the source of gravel at the location of the parthenium weed incursion on the Shermans Way at Lightning Ridge be investigated (Butlers Pit).

Moved: Clr Martinez

Seconded: Clr Fisher

Carried

12. CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

12.1. Motion to move in to Confidential Session

12/18/16 Resolved:

That at 12.05 pm Council move into Confidential session and that the public be excluded from the meeting pursuant to Section 10A (2) (a), (c) and (f) of the Local Government Act 1993 on the basis that the matters being considered are in relation to staff and/or commercial in confidence or security.

Moved: Clr. Woodcock

Seconded: Clr. Lewis

Carried

Item 12.2 Code of Conduct Complaints Report – 2017/2018

Recommendation: That Council receive and note the General Manager’s Report in respect of the Code of Conduct Complaints Report for the period 1 October, 2017 to 30 September, 2018 and advise the OLG accordingly.

12/18/17 Recommended:

That Council receive and note the General Manager’s Report in respect of the Code of Conduct Complaints Report for the period 1 October, 2017 to 30 September, 2018 and advise the OLG accordingly.

Moved: Clr Fisher

Seconded: Clr Lewis

Carried

Suspension of Standing Orders

12/18/18 Resolved:

That Council suspend standing orders to discussion with regards the future strategic directions available to Council.

Moved: Clr Martinez

Seconded: Clr Lewis

Carried

12.3 Long Term Structural/Strategic Options

12/18/19 Recommended:

That a report be prepared for consideration at Council's March, 2019 meeting examining the long term structural/strategic options available to Council to best address the delivery of services to the broader community.

Moved: Clr Shinton

Seconded: Clr Peart

Carried

Resumption of Standing Orders

12/18/20 Resolved:

That Standing Orders be resumed

Moved: Clr Woodcock

Seconded: Clr Lewis

Carried

12.4 Motion to move out of Confidential Session

12/18/21 Resolved:

That at 12.25 pm Council move out of Confidential Session.

Moved: Clr. Brewer

Seconded: Clr. Peart

Carried

12.5 Adoption of Committee Recommendation

12/18/22 Resolved:

That the following recommendation for the Confidential Committee be adopted:

1. That Council receive and note the General Manager's Report in respect of the Code of Conduct Complaints Report for the period 1 October, 2017 to 30 September, 2018 and advise the OLG accordingly.

2. That a report be prepared for consideration at Council's March meeting examining the long term structural/strategic options available to Council to best address the delivery of services to the broader community.

Moved: Clr Woodcock

Seconded: Clr Martinez

Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, 25 March, 2019 at Coonamble.

Clr Batten extended best wishes for the season to all present.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CONCLUDED AT 12.30 PM.

To be confirmed as a true and accurate record at the Council Meeting to be held on Monday 25 March 2019.

CHAIRMAN

GENERAL MANAGER