

## CASTLEREAGH MACQUARIE COUNTY COUNCIL MINUTES

### DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CASTLEREAGH MACQUARIE COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE WARREN SHIRE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, WARREN ON MONDAY 29 JUNE, 2015 COMMENCING AT 10:00 AM

1. **PRESENT:** Clrs. N. Kinsey (Chairman), M. Coe, P. Shinton (10.06am), A. Van Lubeck, D. Batten, I. Woodcock, D.Schieb, G. Peart and M. Webb,

**Staff Members:** Mr. Don Ramsland (General Manager).

**Visitors:** Nil.

2. **APOLOGIES:** Clrs. R Greenaway, P Shinton (late arrival) and Mr. John Unwin (Acting Senior Weeds Officer).

**06/15/1          Resolved:**

That apologies from Clrs. R. Greenaway, P. Shinton and Mr. John Unwin (Senior Weeds Officer) be accepted and leave of absence be granted.

**Moved:**          Clr. Webb

**Seconded:**      Clr. Van Lubeck

**Carried**

### 3. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Nil

### 4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

**06/15/2          Resolved:**

That the minutes of the Castlereagh Macquarie County Council meeting held at Gilgandra on Monday, 22 April, 2015 having been circulated, be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

**Moved:**          Clr. Batten

**Seconded:**      Clr. Coe

**Carried**

**5. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

The Chairman, Clr. Kinsey, reported that the Minister for Primary Industries, Hon. Niall Blair has been informed that his department owes Castlereagh Macquarie County Council (CMCC) funds for mesquite control a few years back and we have not received a reply as yet.

Clr. Kinsey also advised that he has had enquiries about how to control African Boxthorn since the recent rain. It would appear to him that now, where there is good moisture, CMCC should run a campaign through the local papers on the best ways to control Boxthorn.

Clr. Kinsey also commented that it was a good thing for the County to have increased its revenue for 2015/16 by 2.4% but alas, for an award increase a few weeks later saw the County's wage bill rise by 2.5%. Seeing that most of the County's costs are wages (77%) the increase didn't do what he had hoped it would.

Clr. Kinsey attended the Macquarie Valley Weeds Advisory Committee (MVWAC) meeting at Coolah in June where the subject of land owners not being able to afford the cost of weed control came up but was not resolved. Clr. Kinsey suggested that may be we, as a County, should debate the matter and take a proposal to the next meeting and get a coherent policy on the issue.

**06/15/3            Resolved:**

That the Chairman's report be received and noted.

**Moved:**            Clr. Kinsey

**Seconded:**        Clr. Van Lubeck

**Carried**

**6. MATTERS ARISING**

**Property Inspection Flow Chart**

Clr. Batten tabled a flow chart from the Central Murray County Council which could be used as a basis for addressing the weeds control cost issues raised earlier by Clr. Kinsey.

**Staffing**

The General Manager advised that interviews for the Weeds Officer vacancy at Warren would be held shortly. The position of Senior Weeds Officer would be advertised internally during July and the vacant position of Weeds Officer at Coonabarabran would be advertised externally at the same time.

**7. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

**Item 7.1                    Bank Reconciliation as at 30 April, 2015 and 31 May, 2015**

**Recommendation:** That the Bank Reconciliations as 30 April, 2015 and 31 May, 2015 be received and noted.

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**06/15/4      Resolved:**

That the Bank Reconciliations as at 30 April, 2015 and 31 May, 2015 be received and noted.

**Moved:**      Clr. Shinton

**Seconded:**      Clr. Scieb

**Carried**

**06/15/4      Resolved:**

That the issue of any outstanding sundry debtors be listed for consideration in the August, 2015 agenda.

**Moved:**      Clr. Batten

**Seconded:**      Clr. Woodcock

**Carried**

### **Item 7.2      2015/16 Budget and Operational Plan and updated Planning and Reporting Documentation.**

**Recommendation:** That Council formally adopt the draft 2015/16 Budget, Operational Plan and updated Integrated Planning and Reporting documentation following it being on public exhibition between 29 April, 2015 and 5 June, 2015 with no submissions being received.

**06/15/6      Resolved:**

That Council formally adopt the draft 2015/16 Budget, Operational Plan and updated Integrated Planning and Reporting documentation following it being on public exhibition between 29 April, 2015 and 5 June, 2015 with no submissions being received.

**Moved:**      Clr Peart

**Seconded:**      Clr Shinton

**Carried**

### **Item 7.3      Organisational Restructure Report – Update June, 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.

**06/15/7 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 and Council adhere to its original plan to repay constituent council advances over a three year period.

**Moved:** Clr. Webb

**Seconded:** Clr. Van Lubeck

**Carried**

**Item 7.4 Quarterly Budget Review Statement - Period Ended 31 May, 2015**

**Recommendation:** That the Quarterly Budget Review statement for the period ended 31 May, 2015 be received and noted and the recommended variations to the revised budget as detailed in the attached statements be adopted.

**06/15/8 Resolved:**

That the Quarterly Budget Review Statement for the period ended 31 May, 2015, 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 7.5 Matters for Brief Mention or Information Only**

**Recommendation:** That the issues for brief mention or information only as detailed in the General Manager's report to the May, 2015 meeting be received and noted.

**06/15/9 Resolved:**

That the issues of Drought Funding and Local Government Reform as listed for brief mention or information only and detailed in the General Manager's report to the May, 2015 meeting be received and noted.

**Moved:** Clr. Webb

**Seconded:** Clr. Van Lubeck

**Carried**

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

**8.1 Acting Senior Weeds Officer's Report**

**Recommendation:** For Council's consideration.

**06/15/10      Resolved:**

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

**Moved:**      Clr. Peart

**Seconded:**      Clr. Schieb

**Carried**

Clr. Lubeck left the meeting at 1.15 am

**8.2 Gilgandra Noxious Plant Report**

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

**06/15/11      Resolved:**

That Council receive and confirm Noxious Plant report for Gilgandra.

**Moved:**      Clr. Shinton

**Seconded:**      Clr. Coe

**Carried**

**8.3 Warrumbungle Noxious Plant Report**

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

**06/15/12      Resolved:**

That Council receive and confirm Noxious Plant report for Warrumbungle.

**Moved:**      Clr. Shinton

**Seconded:**      Clr. Coe

**Carried**

Clr. Lubeck returned to the meeting at 11.25 am

**8.4 Coonamble Noxious Plant Report**

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

**06/15/13 Resolved:**

That Council receive and confirm Noxious Plant report for Coonamble.

**Moved:** Clr. Shinton

**Seconded:** Clr. Webb

**Carried**

**8.5 Walgett Noxious Plant Report**

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

**06/15/14 Resolved:**

That Council receive and confirm Noxious Plant report for Walgett

**Moved:** Clr. Shinton

**Seconded:** Clr. Coe

**Carried**

**8.6 Warren Noxious Plant Report**

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

**06/15/15 Resolved:**

That Council receive and confirm Noxious Plant report for Warren

**Moved:** Clr. Shinton

**Seconded:** Clr. Coe

**Carried**

**CONFIDENTIAL SESSION**

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

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**06/15/16      Resolved:**

That at 11.20 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. Coe  
**Seconded:**      Clr. Webb

**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.

**06/15/17      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. Shinton  
**Seconded:**      Clr. Coe

**Carried**

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

**06/15/18      Resolved:**

That at 11.40 am Council move out of Confidential Session.

**Moved:**      Clr. Shinton  
**Seconded:**      Clr. Coe

**Carried**

### **4. Adoption of Committee Recommendation**

**06/15/19      Resolved:**

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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.

**Moved:** Clr Batten

**Seconded:** Clr Webb

**Carried**

### **General Business**

1. Procedure for enforcing weeds eradication on private property and recovering any costs involved

**06/15/20 Resolved:**

That with guidance from LGNSW a report be prepared for the August, 2015 meeting detailing a draft procedure for enforcing weeds eradication on private property and recovering any costs involved, with a view to the draft procedure being referred for consideration the next meeting of the MVWAC.

**Moved:** Clr Batten

**Seconded:** Clr Peart

**Carried**

2. That a report be prepared for the August, 2015 meeting detailing the two varieties of mesquite and the preferred eradication methods for both.
3. That a report of what appears to be Tiger Pear on the Nulla Reserve be investigated.
4. That the "future funding" issue including the utilisation of funds be followed up with the new Minister for Primary Industries Hon Niall Blair MP.
5. That a report be prepared for the August meeting detailing the future direction with regards plant replacement and employees' leave entitlements.

### **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting was scheduled for Monday, 17 August, 2015 at Coonabarabran.



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**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CONCLUDED AT 11.58 AM**

**To be confirmed as a true and accurate record at the Council Meeting held on 17 August, 2015.**

**CHAIRMAN**

**GENERAL MANAGER**