

CASTLEREAGH MACQUARIE COUNTY COUNCIL MINUTES

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CASTLEREAGH MACQUARIE COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT COONAMBLE SHIRE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON MONDAY 28th FEBRUARY 2022 AT 10:32AM.
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PRESENT: Cllrs D. Batten, B. Fisher, Z. Holcombe, M Cooke, I. Woodcock, D. Todd, N. Kinsey and P. Cullen

ABSENT: Cllr A Brewer and Cllr G Peart

STAFF MEMBERS: M. Urquhart (General Manager), A. Fletcher (Senior Biosecurity Officer), and R Wilson (Minute Secretary).

WELCOME: Meeting was opened at 10.32am and General Manager Michael Urquhart (Returning Officer) welcomed all councillors and staff to the meeting.

02/22/1 Leave of Absence

Resolved:

That the leave of absence received from Councillors Andrew Brewer and Greg Peart are accepted and a leave of absence granted.

Moved: Cllr Cullen

Seconded: Cllr Kinsey

Carried

Declaration of oath/Affirmation of Office

Pursuant to Section 233A of the Local Government Act 1993, the following Councillors took an Oath of Office;

- Cllr Patrick Cullen
- Cllr Noel Kinsey
- Cllr William Fisher
- Cllr Zoe Holcombe
- Cllr Denis Todd
- Cllr Doug Batten
- Cllr Ian Woodcock
- Cllr Michael Cooke

02/22/2 Election of Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson

Resolved:

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

Moved: Cllr Woodcock

Seconded: Cllr Cooke

Carried

02/22/3 Destruction of Election Ballot Papers**Resolved:**

That any ballot papers used now be destroyed.

Moved: Clr Fisher

Seconded: Clr Holcombe

Carried

02/22/4 Election of Chairperson for Period Ending September 2023**Resolved:**

That the report be received and noted and the election for the position of Chairperson be held now.

Moved: Clr Woodcock

Seconded: Clr Cullen

Carried

The General Manager (Retuning Officer) declared that as only one (1) nomination was received for the position of Chairperson, *Clr Doug Batten* is duly elected to the position.

02/22/5 Election of Deputy Chairperson for Period Ending September 2023**Resolved:**

That the report be received and noted and the election for the position of Deputy Chairperson be held now.

Moved: Clr Woodcock

Seconded: Clr Cullen

Carried

The General Manager (Retuning Officer) declared that as only one (1) nomination was received for the position of Deputy Chairperson, *Clr Bill Fisher* is duly elected to the position.

At this juncture, the General Manager vacated the Chair and handed over to the elected Chairperson *Clr Doug Batten* to chair the meeting.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - Nil

02/22/6 Minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting – 19th October 2021**Resolved:**

That the minutes of the ordinary Council meeting held 19th October 2021, having been circulated be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

Moved: Clr Cullen

Seconded: Clr Woodcock

Carried

02/22/7 2020-2021 Audited Financial Statements and Audit Report**Resolved:**

That Council receive the Audited Financial Reports together with the Auditor's Reports for the period 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021.

Moved: Clr Kinsey

Seconded: Clr Todd

Carried

02/22/8 2020-2021 Castlereagh Macquarie County Council – Annual Report 2020/2021**Resolved:**

That Council formally adopts its Annual Report for 2020/2021.

Moved: Clr Woodcock

Seconded: Clr Fisher

Carried

02/22/9 Circulars Received From the NSW Office of Local Government**Resolved:**

That the information contained in the following Departmental circulars 21-33 to 22-01 from the Local Government Division Department of Premier and Cabinet be received and noted.

Moved: Clr Kinsey

Seconded: Clr Cullen

Carried

02/22/10 Quarterly Budget Review Statement – December 2021**Resolved:**

That Council adopt the attached Quarterly Budget Review Statement for 31st December 2021 as tabled.

Moved: Cllr Todd

Seconded: Cllr Fisher

Carried

02/22/11 Second Quarter Operational Plan 2021/2022**Resolved:**

That Council accept the progress made on the 2021/2022 Operational Plan as at 31st December 2021.

Moved: Cllr Fisher

Seconded: Cllr Holcombe

Carried

02/22/12 Cash and Investment Report- 31st October 2021, 30th November 2021, 31st December 2021 and 31st January 2022**Resolved:**

That the investment report for 31st October 2021, 30th November 2021, 31st December 2021 and 31st January 2022 be received and noted.

Moved: Cllr Woodcock

Seconded: Cllr Kinsey

Carried

02/22/13 Important Dates for Councillors – Upcoming Meetings and Events

Resolved:

1. That Council receive and note the list of coming meetings and events.
2. Cllr Todd accepted the nomination to be the County Council's Delegate to attend the Central West Regional Meeting in Coonabarabran on 15th March 2022.

Moved: Cllr Kinsey

Seconded: Cllr Cullen

Carried

02/22/14 Senior Biosecurity Officer's Report

Resolved:

That the report be received and noted.

Moved: Cllr Kinsey

Seconded: Cllr Holcombe

Carried

Questions without Notice

Cllr Batten – Requested that the General Manager write to all constituent Council's advising of an increase of 0.7% to annual co-contributions for 2022/2023, in line with IPART's 2022-2023 Rate Peg.

Question: Cllr Todd – Does CMCC conduct inspections at Waste Facility Management Centres?

Response: Senior Bio Security Officer advised – Inspections are conducted as required, additional inspections can be scheduled if there is concerns regarding noxious weed infestations.

Q: Cllr Cullen – Are fines being issued to Land Owners following failure to treat identified noxious weed infestations?

Response: Senior Bio Security Officer advised – Inspections and Re-inspections are conducted to monitor noxious weed treatment. Successful fine penalties as a result of failure to comply with treatment is difficult to achieve as minimal or some treatment is deemed to be compliant.

02/22/15 Control of African Boxthorn**Resolved:**

That the General Manager write to North and Central West Local Land Services requesting information on any activity or action planned to support the control of African Boxthorn

Moved: Cllr Fisher

Seconded: Cllr Kinsey

Carried

Cllr Pat Cullen left the meeting at 11:50am

Cllr Pat Cullen returned to the meeting at 11:55am

02/22/16 Leave of Absence**Resolved:**

That a leave of absence request from Councillor Denis Todd for the period of 20th May 2022 to 24th August 2022 is accepted and a leave of absence granted.

Moved: Cllr Fisher

Seconded: Cllr Kinsey

Carried

Date of the next CMCC Council Meeting to be Tuesday 3rd May 2022 in Lightning Ridge to align with Hudson Pear Taskforce and North West Regional Meetings.

Bus Tour for CMCC Councillors including a tour of the Hudson Pear Bio Control Facility in Lightning Ridge to be held on Wednesday 4th May 2022.

Close of Meeting

The meeting closed at 11.55am.

Chairman

General Manager