

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE NEW ENGLAND TABLELANDS (NOXIOUS PLANTS) COUNTY COUNCIL HELD IN THE ARMIDALE OFFICE, 129 RUSDEN STREET, ARMIDALE ON WEDNESDAY, 26TH APRIL 2017 COMMENCING AT 8:30AM.

PRESENT: Councillor M Dusting - Chairperson, Councillor S Kermode and Armidale Regional Council Administrator, Dr I Tiley.

IN ATTENDANCE: General Manager Mr W. Deer and Senior Weeds Officer Mr J Browning.

APOLOGIES: Nil

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 7th FEBRUARY 2017.

13/17 RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Kermode and Tiley that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the New England Tablelands (Noxious Plants) County Council held on 7th February 2017, copies of which have been distributed to all members, are taken as read and confirmed a true record.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 7th FEBRUARY 2017.

There were no matters arising.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chair advised of the following:

- Attendance at the recent meeting of the organizing Committee for the forthcoming 19th NSW State Weeds Conference to be held in Armidale from the 16 -19 October 2017 and was pleased to report that preparations are on schedule with a good response to the call for papers for the Conference as well sponsorship targets are on track with budget expectations. The next meeting of the Committee will be held on 29 May 2017.
- Will be attending the Northern Tablelands Regional Weeds Committee, April meeting on the 26th April 2017 as Council's representative along with Council officers where the responses to the recent call for submissions on the draft Regional Strategic Weeds Management Plan will be discussed prior to the document being considered by the Board of the Northern Tableland Local Land Services for endorsement and forwarding to the Minister for Primary Industries.

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- Mentioned the response from the Office of Local Government regarding the representation of Councillors from Armidale Regional Council on our County Council following the local government elections scheduled for September 2017, which is the subject of a report in the Business Paper.

1. NEW ENGLAND WEEDS AUTHORITY DRAFT BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN 2017-2027, DRAFT 4 YEAR DELIVERY PROGRAM 2017-2021 AND DRAFT ANNUAL OPERATIONAL PLAN 2017-2018 (ITEM 7.1.1)

14/17 RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Kermode and Tiley that:

1. That the Draft New England Weeds Authority Business Activity Strategic Plan 2017- 2027 and Resourcing Strategy, the Draft 4 Year Delivery Program 2017-2021 and Draft Annual Operational Plan 2017-2018 be placed on public exhibition for a period of at least 28 days in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1993.
2. That following the conclusion of the public exhibition period a further report be presented to Council on submissions received on the Draft New England Weeds Authority Business Activity Strategic Plan 2017 – 2027 and Resourcing Strategy, Draft 4 Year Delivery Program 2017-2021 and Draft Annual Operational Plan 2017-2018, prior to adoption of the plans by Council.
3. That the constituent member Councils of Armidale Regional, Walcha and Uralla be provided with a copy of the Draft New England Weeds Authority Business Activity Strategic Plan 2017 – 2027 and Resourcing Strategy, Draft 4 Year Delivery Program 2017-2021 and Draft Annual Operational Plan 2017-2018 for comment.

2. HIGH RISK WEEDS STUDY TOUR (ITEM 7.1.2)

15/17 RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Tiley and Kermode the report on the Macquarie Valley Weeds Advisory Tour be received and noted.

3. ARMIDALE REGIONAL COUNCIL REPRESENTATION ON NEW ENGLAND WEEDS AUTHORITY (ITEM 7.1.3)

16/17 RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Kermode and Tiley that the report on the advice from the NSW Office of Local Government regarding Armidale Regional Council's representation on the New England Weeds Authority following the 2017 Local Government elections be received and noted.

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4. WRITE OFF DEBT TO COUNCIL (ITEM 7.1.4)

17/17 RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Tiley and Kermode:

- 1) That in accordance with the provisions of Clause 213 (3) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005, Council write off the debt of \$200.00 in respect of the advertisement placed in the Weed Management Guide for North West NSW in 2015, as identified in Council's Tax Invoice No 74:14/15 dated 11/05/2015.
- 2) That in accordance with the provisions of Clause 213 (2) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 that Council fix the total of \$1,000.00 as the amount above which debts to Council may be written off only by resolution of Council.

5. INVESTED FUNDS REPORT (ITEM 7.1.5)

18/17 RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Kermode and Tiley that:

- 1) The report indicating Council's Fund Management position be received and noted.
- 2) The Certificate of the Responsible Accounting Officer be noted and the report adopted.

6. MARCH 2017 QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW (ITEM 7.1.6)

19/17 RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Tiley and Kermode that Council adopt the March 2017 Quarterly Budget Review and approve the Budget variations.

7. 2016/2017 WEEDS ACTION PROGRAM (ITEM 7.2.1)

20/17 RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Kermode and Tiley that the report on the 2016/2017 Weeds Action Program be received and noted.

8. MATTERS OF URGENCY

There were no matters of urgency.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 20th June 2017 at 8.30 am.

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIR DECLARED THE
MEETING CLOSED AT 9:20 AM.**