

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE NEW ENGLAND TABLELANDS (NOXIOUS PLANTS) COUNTY COUNCIL HELD IN THE ARMIDALE OFFICE, 129 RUSDEN STREET, ARMIDALE ON TUESDAY, 16 APRIL 2019 COMMENCING AT 8:30AM.**

**PRESENT:** Councillor M Dusting - Chairperson, Councillor J Galletly and Councillor L Martin.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** General Manager Mr J Duggan and Senior Weeds Officer Mr J Browning.

**APOLOGIES:** Councillor S Kermode, Councillor A Murat

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The General Manager declared an interest in Item 7.1.4.

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 19 FEBRUARY 2019.**

**13/19 RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillors Martin and Galletly that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the New England Tablelands (Noxious Plants) County Council held on 19 February 2019, 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 TUESDAY 19 FEBRUARY 2019.**

There were no matters arising.

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

- Good news that we now have the NSW Agriculture Minister as our Local Member following the recent Election. I will be forwarding a letter of congratulations to the Minister shortly.
- We have been gaining a few more significant private works jobs over the last month or two which should improve our operating result by year end. Well done to the staff concerned.
- There was a recent incursion of black knapweed in the Tenterfield Shire. As the Tenterfield Shire Council weeds officer, was unavailable due to sick leave, NSW Department of Primary Industries commissioned New England Weeds Authority (NEWA) to carry out the spray work. The works were carried out on 21 March 2019.
- I wish to advise that the next meeting of Northern Tablelands Regional Weeds Committee will be held at Inverell on 14 May 2019. The Chairman along with Council staff will be attending the meeting.

## **1. NEW ENGLAND WEEDS AUTHORITY ANNUAL OPERATIONAL PLAN 2019-2020 (ITEM 7.1.1)**

**14/19 RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillors Galletly and Martin that

1. That the Draft New England Weeds Authority Annual Operational Plan 2019-2020 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 and for the adoption of the Draft New England Weeds Authority Annual Operational Plan 2019-2020.

3. That the constituent member Councils of Armidale Regional, Walcha, Uralla and Glen Innes be provided with a copy of the Draft New England Weeds Authority Annual Operational Plan 2019-2020 for comment.

## **2. AUDIT OFFICE OF NSW – AUDIT FOR YEAR ENDING JUNE 2019 (ITEM 7.1.2)**

**15/19 RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillors Martin and Galletly that the report on the Audit process of Council's financial statements for the year ending 30 June 2019 be received and noted.

## **3. INVESTED FUNDS REPORT (ITEM 7.1.3)**

**16/19 RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillors Galletly and Martin

1. That the report indicating Council's Fund Management position be received and noted.

2. That the Certificate of the Responsible Accounting Officer be noted and the report adopted.

## **4. MARCH 2019 QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW (ITEM 7.1.4)**

**17/19 RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillors Martin and Galletly that Council adopt the March 2019 Quarterly Budget Review and approve the proposed Budget variations

## **5. APPOINTMENT OF GENERAL MANAGER (ITEM 7.1.5)**

**18/19 RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillors Galletly and Martin that

1. The panel consist of the Authorities Constituent Councillors to implement the process of appointing a General Manager.
2. That the Chairman appoint an independent individual to the panel that being Maria Woods if willing.
3. The panel then move forward to appoint a person to the role.

## **6. JOINING NEW ENGLAND JOINT ORGANISATION (NEJO) (ITEM 7.1.6)**

**19/19 RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillors Martin and Galletly that

1. NEWA make application to the Board of Directors for NEJO who will determine if non-voting membership is granted.
2. If membership is granted that the Board also be requested to enable NEWA to introduce business for consideration at NEJO meetings.

## **7. CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE (ITEM 7.1.7)**

**20/19 RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillors Galletly and Martin that

1. Council adopt the draft Code of Meeting Practice
2. The draft code be placed on public exhibition for a period exceeding 28 days.
3. A further report be presented to Council following the exhibition period.

## **8. 2018/2019 WEEDS ACTION PROGRAM (ITEM 7.3.1)**

**21/19 RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillors Martin and Galletly that the report on the 2018/2019 Weeds Action Program be received and noted.

## **11. MATTERS OF URGENCY –**

### **NEXT MEETING:**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> June 2019 at 8.30 am.

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIR DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9:25 AM.**