

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF TRUSTEES OF COONAMBLE COMMON HELD IN THE SHIRE CHAMBER, COONAMBLE ON WEDNESDAY, 9TH SEPTEMBER 2015 COMMENCING AT 9.00 A.M.

PRESENT: Cr Al Karanouh, in the Chair, with Crs. Michael Webb, John Walker, Danny Keady, Bill Burnheim and Tom Cullen.
Also present were the General Manager, Mr. Warren, the Director of Engineering Services, Mr Chudek, the Director of Corporate and Urban Services, Mr. Quarmby, the Manager of Environmental Services, Mr Cock and Mrs Moorhouse

1. APOLOGY

2033 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and Walker that an apology for non attendance be accepted from Cr Don Schieb.

At this juncture, 9.00 a.m., Mr. Neil Kennedy arrived at the meeting.

2. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

2034 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Keady that the minutes of the Coonamble Common Trustees' Meeting held on 12 August 2015 be confirmed.

3. REPORT – MANAGER OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

2035 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and Walker that the report by the Manager of Environmental Services be received and dealt with.

3.1 UPDATE – COMMON ACTIVITIES

The Manager informed Trustees that only one commoner took the opportunity to put his cattle – 2 cows and 2 calves - on the Common when the southern side was re-opened on 15 August. He said there have been no enquiries from commoners since.

The Trustees noted that vandalism continues at the Common – firstly a vehicle went through the fence, letting the cattle out, a few days after another vehicle was driven through the fence and on the northern side the fence has been cut again. The Manager said he monitors the situation constantly.

Cr Walker wondered whether a camera could be set up temporarily – the Manager said that other places have done this and the cameras have been stolen. Cr Burnheim asked about insurance – the General Manager said that Council, as Trustee, has cover.

2036 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and Walker that the Trustees note the information contained in the Manager's report.

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3.2 MR NEIL KENNEDY – OPPOSING SALEYARD CHARGE

At this juncture, the Mayor welcomed Mr Kennedy to the meeting and invited him to speak. He said he uses the Coonamble saleyards regularly to hold stock until they can be trucked to their destination and recently was advised he is required to pay a fee of \$55.00 for the holding of one beast.

Mr Kennedy said he uses other saleyards for this purpose and nowhere is there a charge – this type of use is a ‘courtesy’ gesture and he is opposing the charge. He said he has spoken to others who will also oppose the charge. Mr Kennedy pointed out that he pays over \$46,000 rates annually and assists Council wherever he can by providing loam, water and safe parking area for Council’s road making plant. Referred to yards in NSW and Queensland that do not have a fee for such use and reiterated that he vehemently opposes the charge. The Manager of Environmental Services said the fee charged is \$50 minimum fee (less than 100 head) or \$1/per beast over 100 head).

Cr Burnheim said the matter should be referred to the Saleyards Committee to discuss and determine a better arrangement.

Mr. Kennedy thanked Council and left the meeting at 9.10 a.m. The Mayor said the matter would be discussed later in the day and his concerns taken on board.

3.3 PT AERODROME – SELF-SOWN HAY

Cr Cullen said the crop looks OK, but needs rain – he has been speaking with the share farmer who is having the hay baled on the basis of 60/40 (share farmer/Council respectively) – anticipate 1,000 large bales. Cr Cullen referred to box thorn infestation and said it cannot be sprayed at this time because it’s not full leaf.

2037 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Cullen and Walker that at the appropriate time, Council bulldozer be used to grub out the box thorns and level out the area.

This concluded the business and the meeting closed at 9.12 a.m.

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CONFIRMED by a majority at a duly convened meeting of Coonamble Common Trustees held on the **FOURTEENTH day** of **OCTOBER 2015**.

MAYOR