

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Central Tablelands Water held at Weddin Shire Council, on Wednesday, 14 August 2013, commencing at 10.30am

<u>Present</u>	Cr. Geoff Braddon OAM	(Chairman)	Blayney
	Cr. Geoffrey McClelland	(Deputy Chairman)	Weddin
	Cr. Kevin Walker		Cabonne
	Cr. David Somerville		Blayney
	Cr. Alan Griffiths		Weddin
	Tony Perry	(General Manager)	
	Darrell Sligar	(Operations Manager)	
	Gavin Rhodes	(Finance Manager)	

APOLOGIES

13/056 RESOLVED:

That a leave of absence be granted to Cr. Durkin following receipt of his apology for non-attendance.

(Cr. McClelland/Cr. Somerville)

Proceedings in Brief

The General Manager pointed out to the meeting that he had approached the General Manager of Weddin Shire offering to compensate Weddin Shire for the cost of morning tea which has always been provided to CTW at no charge. The General Manager of Weddin Shire advised the General Manager that he should not be concerned and not to worry about it.

13/057 RESOLVED:

That the General Manager write to Weddin Shire Council expressing Council's gratitude for the supply of morning tea on the occasions when Council meets in Grenfell.

(Cr. Somerville/Cr. Walker)

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

13/058 RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Central Tablelands Water, held on 12 June 2013, being minute numbers 13/035 to 13/055 inclusive, be confirmed.

(Cr. McClelland/Cr. Walker)

CHAIRMAN'S MINUTE

The Local Government Independent Review Panel is due to hand down its final report to Government in September and this continues to be a controversial topic of discussion across the region.

Council has already resolved to support the WBC Alliance submission to the Review Panel and Minister for Local Government seeking approval to conduct a pilot

program trialling a County Council Shared Services model with CTW as the vehicle for delivery of the program.

During the past two months our General Manager, together with the General Managers of Blayney and Cabonne and the WBC Executive Manager, travelled to Sydney and had a discussion with the Executive Officer of the DLG in regards to the pilot program proposal.

The Executive Manager of the WBC Alliance, Donna Galvin, has been invited by the Review Panel to attend a workshop in Sydney today on the County Council model which appears to be favoured by the Panel. It will be interesting to get the feedback from her at our next WBC board meeting.

Recently, the General Manager and I hosted a visit from representatives of Cabonne Council to the proposed dam site on the Belubula River at the location of The Needles. The General Manager and I previously hosted another visit to the site with John Cobb our local federal member. This is the site that has been identified by NSW State Water and Infrastructure NSW as an ideal location for new water storage providing water security to the Central West. The General Manager has a report to this meeting in which he is recommending that we lobby the federal election candidates to support the construction of a dam at The Needles which will free up Carcoar Dam for urban use. I am recommending that we support Blayney Shire Council who will be putting forward a motion to the next Centroc meeting requesting Centroc support and lobby for The Needles proposal.

At today's meeting we will be conducting the General Manager's annual performance review. The GM was due to retire this month at the end of his current contract and Councillors might remember that in February this year a resolution was carried extending the GM's contract for a further 12 months to August 2014.

That concludes my Chairman's minute, would someone like to move that my report be received and adopted.

13/059 RESOLVED:

That the Chairman's Minute, as read, be accepted and the contents therein be noted and endorsed.

(Cr. Somerville/Cr. Walker)

COUNCILLOR REPRESENTATION

Nil representation.

01) FINANCIAL MATTERS (FM.BA.1)

13/060 RESOLVED:

That the information be noted.

(Cr. Walker/Cr. Somerville)

02) FINANCIAL STATEMENT BY COUNCIL (FM.FR.1)**13/061 RESOLVED:**

1. That the statement required by Section 413(2)(c) of the Local Government Act, 1993 in relation to Council's Financial Reports for the period ending 30 June 2013 be completed.
2. That Intentus Chartered Accountants be invited (in accordance with regulations) to complete the audit for the financial year ending 30th June 2013.

(Cr. Somerville/Cr. McClelland)

03) POLICY REGISTER (CM.ME.1)**13/062 RESOLVED:**

That the updated Policy Register, as presented, be adopted.

(Cr. Walker/Cr. Somerville)

04) DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS (GO.CO.3)**13/063 RESOLVED:**

That the information be noted.

(Cr. Walker/Cr. Griffiths)

05) AUDITORS - NOTIFICATION OF CHANGE OF NAME (CM.AU.1)**13/064 RESOLVED:**

That the information be noted and that consent is given for Council's external audit to continue under the changed business name of Intentus Chartered Accountants.

(Cr. McClelland/Cr. Griffiths)

06) INTENTUS - INTERIM AUDIT MANAGEMENT LETTER Y/E 30/06/2013 (CM.AU.1)**13/065 RESOLVED:**

That the information be noted.

(Cr. McClelland/Cr. Griffiths)

07) LOCAL GOVERNMENT INDEPENDENT REVIEW PANEL - DLG MEETING (GR.LR.5)**13/066 RESOLVED:**

That Council support and endorse the WBC submissions to the Local Government Independent Review Panel.

(Cr. Walker/Cr. Somerville)

08) WBC ALLIANCE - EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT (CM.AG.6)

13/067 RESOLVED:

That the information be noted.
(Cr. McClelland/Cr. Walker)

09) LOCAL GOVERNMENT WATER MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE (CM.CF.1)

13/068 RESOLVED:

That Council give approval for the Chairman, General Manager, Manager Operations & Technical Services and Cr Kevin Walker to attend the 2013 LG Water Management Conference in Terrigal.
(Cr. McClelland/Cr. Somerville)

10) LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW CONFERENCE (CM.CF.1)

13/069 RESOLVED:

That Council give approval for the Chairman and General Manager to attend the 2013 Local Government NSW Conference in Sydney, from Tuesday 1 October 2013 to Thursday 3 October 2013.
(Cr. Walker/Cr. Griffiths)

11) CENTROC - CANCER CARE WEST LODGE (CM.CF.3)

13/070 RESOLVED:

That Council donate \$100.00 to the Cancer Care West Lodge fundraising appeal.
(Cr. Griffiths/Cr. Somerville)

12) STAFF PERFORMANCE REVIEWS (PE.EC.3)

13/071 RESOLVED:

That the information be noted.
(Cr. Walker/Cr. Somerville)

13) DROUGHT MANAGEMENT PLAN (EM.PR.3)

13/072 RESOLVED:

That Council formally adopt the 2012 Central Tablelands Water Drought Management Plan prepared by HydroScience Consulting and incorporate the regional water restriction definitions, outlined in Appendix B of the Plan, into Council's Policy Register.
(Cr. McClelland/Cr. Griffiths)

14) VISIT TO POTENTIAL DAM SITE AT THE NEEDLES (WS.SP.4)

13/073 RESOLVED:

1. Council write to the candidates in the forthcoming Federal election seeking support for increased water storage in the Central West Region in particular putting forward the options of either an augmented Lake Rowlands or preferably a new State Water endorsed 90,000 ML dam at The Needles on the Belubula River.
2. Council write to Centroc requesting the Board also lobby the federal candidates to support the State Water proposal to provide water security to the Central West with the provision of a new 90,000 ML dam at the Needles site on the Belubula River.

(Cr. Somerville/Cr. McClelland)

15) MAINTENANCE OF COUNCIL'S SYSTEMS (WS.MO.4)

13/074 RESOLVED:

That the information be noted.

(Cr. McClelland/Cr. Walker)

16) PERFORMANCE OF COUNCIL'S SYSTEMS (WS.MO.4)

13/075 RESOLVED:

That the information be noted.

(Cr. McClelland/Cr. Walker)

17) QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Proceedings in Brief

The General Manager brought up a late item advising that he had been approached by the Rotary Club of Blayney seeking support for a fundraising Ball being held in Blayney in an effort to raise funds for a new community transport bus.

13/076 RESOLVED:

That, under Sec. 356 of the Local Government Act, Council contribute \$250.00 to the Rotary Club of Blayney towards the fund raising activity for a new community transport bus.

(Cr. Walker/Cr. McClelland)

18) GENERAL MANAGER - ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REVIEW (GO.CO.4)

13/077 RESOLVED:

That, as this matter deals with items that are subject to the affairs of an individual, Council consider it in Committee of the Whole and that in terms of Section 10A (2) of the Local Government Act, the press and the public be excluded from the meeting of the Committee of the Whole.

(Cr. Walker/Cr. Somerville)

19) PROCEED TO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

13/078 RESOLVED:

That, as business for the Ordinary Meeting has now concluded, Council proceed into Committee of the Whole to discuss the items referred to in the report.

(Cr. Griffiths/Cr. McClelland)

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

GENERAL MANAGER - ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REVIEW (GO.CO.4)

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council advise the General Manager that it is absolutely satisfied and has no problems whatsoever with the his performance and that the Chairman be authorised to sign the contract extending the General Manager's employment for a further 12 months to August 2014.

(Cr. McClelland/Cr. Braddon)

RECOMMENDATION:

That as the deliberation of the Committee is concluded, the Council reconvene the Ordinary Meeting.

(Cr. Somerville/Cr. Walker)

20) REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

13/079 RESOLVED:

That the recommendations of the Committee of the Whole be adopted.

(Cr. McClelland/Cr. Braddon)

Next Meeting: The next meeting of Central Tablelands Water will be held in Blayney on Wednesday 9th October 2013

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 12.30pm.