

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Central Tablelands Water held at Cabonne Shire Council, on Wednesday, 11 December 2013, commencing at 10.30am

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

APOLOGIES

Nil

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

13/102 RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Central Tablelands Water, held on 16 October 2013, being minute numbers 13/080 to 13/099 inclusive, be confirmed.

(Cr. Durkin/Cr. McClelland)

13/103 RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of Central Tablelands Water, held on 12 November 2013, being minute numbers 13/100 to 13/101 inclusive, be confirmed.

(Cr. Durkin/Cr. McClelland)

CHAIRMAN'S MINUTE

Once again we come to the end of another calendar year and Christmas is right upon us.

The new year will bring new challenges for CTW with the anticipated release of the State Governments response to the Local Government Independent Review Panel's Report on local government reform and the recruitment process for a new General Manager which we should commence around March/April in order that the position can be filled and allow a short handover period from Tony who finishes up on the 8th of August.

At today's meeting we will have the Executive Manager of the WBC Alliance giving a detailed presentation on the Regional Shared Services proposal which proposes the development of the Alliance into a legal body for delivery of shared services and feedback from the CEO of the Division of Local Government indicates that the Alliance proposal is in keeping with the regional collaboration approach which is what

the Minister is looking for and the likely recommendations from the Independent Review Panel.

I would really encourage all Councillors to really understand what is being proposed by the WBC Alliance and quiz the Executive Manager or the General Manager on any aspect of the proposal that you feel needs clarification as Council will be required to vote on endorsing the proposal and committing resources and support for its establishment.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish my fellow Councillors, staff and all their families a very happy and safe Christmas and every best wish for the New Year.

13/104 RESOLVED:

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

(Cr. McClelland/Cr. Somerville)

COUNCILLOR REPRESENTATION

Cr Somerville advised that he represented Council at the recent WBC Alliance Forum.

01) FINANCIAL MATTERS (FM.BA.1)

13/105 RESOLVED:

That the information be noted.

(Cr. Walker/Cr. Somerville)

02) GOVERNMENT INFORMATION PUBLIC ACCESS ACT 2009 (GIPA) - AGENCY INFORMATION GUIDE - REVIEW (IM.CO.1)

13/106 RESOLVED:

That Council adopt the Draft Agency Information Guide 2014 in accordance with the Government Information Public Access Act 2009 (GIPA).

(Cr. Somerville/Cr. Griffiths)

03) COUNCILLOR EXPENSES AND FACILITIES POLICY (CM.PO.1)

13/107 RESOLVED:

That Council endorse the draft Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policies as presented in the General Manager's Report and place them on public display for a period of 28 days with a view to adoption at the February 2014 meeting of Council.

(Cr. McClelland/Cr. Walker)

04) CAPITAL CONTRIBUTION FOR IN-FILL BLOCKS (DB.LA.1)

13/108 RESOLVED:

That resolution 349 from the October 2006 Council meeting be rescinded and that the capital contribution charge for infill blocks remain at the current level plus annual CPI increase.

(Cr. McClelland/Cr. Braddon)

Cr Durkin and Cr Somerville requested that they be recorded as having voted against the motion.

05) CLOSING OF OFFICE OVER CHRISTMAS - NEW YEAR (CM.ME.1)

13/109 RESOLVED:

That

1. Council approve and advertise the closure of the administration office during the period 23 December 2013 to the 3 January 2014 inclusive, and that the administration staff be granted three days leave in lieu of overtime and that the staff be required to take the remaining days as annual leave.

2. Reoccurring events be left to the discretion of the General Manager.

(Cr. Durkin/Cr. Walker)

06) WBC ALLIANCE - EXECUTIVE MANAGER'S REPORT (CM.AG.6)

13/110 RESOLVED:

That the information be noted.

(Cr. Durkin/Cr. Somerville)

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

13/111 RESOLVED:

That the information be noted.

(Cr. Walker/Cr. McClelland)

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

13/112 RESOLVED:

That the information be noted.

(Cr. Walker/Cr. McClelland)

09) QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Cr Griffith questioned as to the current situation of the transfer of Bogolong Dam to Weddin Shire. The General Manager advised that he was still waiting on advice from the NSW Office of Water.

Cr Durkin advised he had had some queries from people in Canowindra as to the current status of the Needles Dam proposal. The General Manager advised that he had a meeting scheduled with John Cobb on 12th December 2013 to discuss water issues.

10) WBC ALLIANCE - SHARED SERVICES PROJECT (CM.AG.6)

13/113 RESOLVED:

That, as this matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2) (c) of the Local Government Act, as it deals with information that would, if disclosed confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business, Council consider it in Committee of the Whole and that the press and the public be excluded from the meeting of the Committee of the Whole.

(Cr. Durkin/Cr. Griffiths)

11) WATER LEAKAGE - ACCOUNT 74000001 (CR.EQ.1)

13/114 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. Durkin/Cr. Griffiths)

12) PROCEED TO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

13/115 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. Durkin/Cr. Griffiths)

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

WBC ALLIANCE – SHARED SERVICES PROJECT (CM.AG.6)

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That Council continues to commit resources and support to establish a shared service entity
2. Council provides additional funding required to further develop and complete the project in association with the Department of Local Government.

(Cr. Walker/Cr. Somerville)

WATER LEAKAGE – ACCOUNT 74000001 (CR.EQ.1)

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council adhere to its policy of no concession for water leakage.
(Cr. Somerville/Cr. Durkin)

RECOMMENDATION:

That as the deliberation of the Committee is concluded, the Council reconvene the Ordinary Meeting.
(Cr. McClelland/Cr. Somerville)

13) REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

13/116 RESOLVED:

That the recommendations of the Committee of the Whole be adopted.
(Cr. Walker/Cr. Somerville)

Next Meeting: The next meeting of Central Tablelands Water will be held in Grenfell on 12th February 2014.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 12.31pm