

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Central Tablelands Water held at
Weddin Shire Council, on Wednesday, 8th February 2017,
commencing at 10.35am**

<u>Present</u>	Cr. David Somervaille	(Chairman)	Blayney
	Cr. Kevin Walker	(Deputy Chairman)	Cabonne
	Cr. Anthony Durkin		Cabonne
	Cr. Paul Best		Weddin
	Cr. Craig Bembrick		Weddin
	Gavin Rhodes	(General Manager)	
	Leonie Freeth	(Director Operations & Technical Services)	

APOLOGIES

17/001 RESOLVED:

That a leave of absence be granted to Cr Geoff Braddon following receipt of an apology for non-attendance.

(Cr.Walker /Cr. Bembrick)

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

17/002 RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Central Tablelands Water, held on 14th December 2016, being minute numbers 16/086 to 16/0102 inclusive, be confirmed.

(Cr. Bembrick/Cr. Best)

CHAIRMAN'S MINUTE

It is now:

- more than 3 years since the Independent Review Panel recommended the merger of constituent councils, Cabonne and Blayney, with Orange City Council;
- more than 2 years since the “Fit for the Future” analysis commenced and all three constituent councils were found to be “Not Fit” by IPART; and
- over 1 year since the State government announced its intention to merge Cabonne and Blayney with Orange and the Minister made a formal proposal under the Local Government Act to do so, the implementation of which has been held up in litigation for 9 months and is still unresolved.

During all this time not only has the threat of amalgamation hung over two of our constituent councils, but the uncertainty has constrained CTW itself from getting on with the process of forward strategy planning, a process that naturally involves close

collaboration with member councils. We now find that government policy is likely to change and the merger plans may well be abandoned.

I hope the uncertainty ends very soon. As soon as it does, if there is to be no merger, I will be convening a meeting of councillors and representatives of our constituent councils to set in train the necessary planning for the development of CTW as a strong and independent local water utility within the local government sector, with its vital infrastructure developed, strengthened and supplemented for the benefit of our existing and future customers.

I ask that this chairman's minute be accepted and endorsed and the recommendation approved.

17/003 RESOLVED:

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

(Cr. Bembrick/Cr. Walker)

COUNCILLOR REPRESENTATION

Cr Somerville represented CTW at a meeting with the Federal Member for Calare, Mr Andrew Gee MP on 24th January 2017.

01) FINANCIAL MATTERS (FM.BA.1)

17/004 RESOLVED:

That the information be noted.

(Cr. Best/Cr. Durkin)

02) QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW STATEMENT – 31ST DECEMBER 2016 (FM.FR.1)

17/005 RESOLVED:

That the budget review statement for the quarter ended 31st December 2016 be accepted, and the variations therein be adopted, subject to not increasing revenue for industrial water consumption.

(Cr. Walker/Cr. Durkin)

03) AUDIT COMMITTEE - ANNUAL REPORT 2015/2016 AND NOVEMBER 2016 MEETING MINUTES

17/006 RESOLVED:

That Council receive and note the Audit Committee Annual Report 2015/2016 and the November 2016 Audit Committee Meeting Minutes.

(Cr. Bembrick/Cr. Walker)

04) WEDDIN SHIRE COUNCIL – EQUAL REPRESENTATION FOR CENTRAL TABLELANDS WATER (CM.ES.4)

17/007 RESOLVED:

That Council note the report.

(Cr. Best/Cr. Durkin)

05) MEETING WITH FEDERAL MEMBER FOR CALARE MR ANDREW GEE MP (GO.AM.1)

17/008 RESOLVED:

That Council note the report.

(Cr. Walker/Cr. Best)

06) DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES WATER - LACHLAN WATER RESOURCE PLAN (GR.LR.2)

17/009 RESOLVED:

That Council note the report.

(Cr. Best/Cr. Durkin)

07) LACHLAN VALLEY WATER SECURITY PROJECT PHASE 2- INVESTIGATION UPDATE (GR.SL.2)

17/010 RESOLVED:

That Council note the report.

(Cr. Walker/Cr. Best)

08) QUANDIALLA DISTRICT SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE – LETTER OF THANKS (CR.SD.1)

17/011 RESOLVED:

That Council note the report.

(Cr. Walker/Cr. Bembrick)

09) ST JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL MANILDRA – LETTER OF THANKS (CR.SD.1)

17/012 RESOLVED:

That Council note the report.

(Cr. Bembrick/Cr. Durkin)

10) CENTRAL TABLELANDS REGIONAL WATER SECURITY PIPELINE PROJECT UPDATE (WS.AG.1)

17/013 RESOLVED:

That Council:

1. Note the progress report of the Central Tablelands Regional Water Security Project,
2. Authorise the Chairman and General Manager to execute the Deed of Warranty under the Central Tablelands Regional Water Security Project Annexure to the Australian Standard General Conditions of Contract for Design and Construct Part H under Council's Common Seal, and;
3. Formally approve the contribution of \$2.5 million towards the project for the upgrade of pipelines and pump stations from Millthorpe to Blayney and Carcoar.

(Cr. Best/Cr. Bembrick)

11) TRUNK MAIN K RENEWAL – PROGRESS REPORT (WS.AG.1)

17/014 RESOLVED:

That the information be noted.

(Cr. Walker/Cr. Durkin)

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

17/015 RESOLVED:

That the information be noted.

(Cr. Walker/Cr. Durkin)

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

17/016 RESOLVED:

That the information be noted.

(Cr. Walker/Cr. Durkin)

14) QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

No questions on notice were received.

Next Meeting: The next meeting of Central Tablelands Water will be held in Blayney on 12th April 2017

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 11.45am.