

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Central Tablelands Water held at Cabonne Council, on Wednesday, 12 June 2013, commencing at 10.30am**

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

**APOLOGIES**

**13/035 RESOLVED:**

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

(Cr. McClelland/Cr. Durkin)

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**13/036 RESOLVED:**

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Central Tablelands Water, held on 10 April 2013, being minute numbers 13/019 to 13/034 inclusive, be confirmed.

(Cr. Walker/Cr. Durkin)

**CHAIRMAN'S MINUTE**

Since the last meeting, the General Manager and I have attended a Centroc board meeting at Parliament House in Sydney, a WBC board meeting in Blayney and, together with the Finance and Corporate Services Manager, an Internal Audit Committee meeting.

The Centroc Board meeting was organised by the local Member for Orange Andrew Gee and it provided the opportunity for the Board to be addressed by a significant number of NSW Ministers.

Probably the most contentious subject that came up for discussion centred on the local government reform issue and the recent Future Directions Paper issued by the Independent Review Panel. There was a lot of negativity in the discussion around the Panel's recommendation to form regional county councils.

Whilst the Panel's Paper recommended the amalgamation of Orange, Blayney and Cabonne the Minister was at pains to ensure the Board that his policy of no forced amalgamations had not changed. In fact, the Panel have stated that this policy was reiterated in the Panel's Terms of Reference.

It was interesting to note that when the Mayor of Cabonne requested that Centroc Board pass a resolution stating that Centroc did not support the amalgamation of Orange, Blayney and Cabonne the General Manager of Orange stated that he could

not support that request as his Council has a resolution to amalgamate both Blayney and Cabonne into Orange.

At the WBC board meeting the Panel's recommendations were again the centre of discussion with the board recommending that its member councils support the development of a County Council Shared Service Centre and that the Alliance write to the DLG requesting approval for the WBC to trial a County Council model.

The local government reform issues are listed for discussion today and we are fortunate to have the WBC Executive Manager here in attendance to answer and address any questions that Councillors may have.

That's all for my Chairman's Minute and I would like a resolution that it be accepted.

**13/037 RESOLVED:**

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

(Cr. McClelland/Cr. Walker)

**01) INTEGRATED PLANNING & REPORTING - 2013/2014 MANAGEMENT PLAN (FM.PL.1)**

**13/038 RESOLVED:**

That, in accordance with Sections 402-406 of the Local Government Act 1993, and, following the statutory period of 28 days public display, Council now resolve to adopt the following draft Plans:

- a. Delivery Plan 2013 – 2017
- b. Operational Plan 2013 - 2014 – Part 1 & 2
- c. Workforce management Plan 2012 – 2016
- d. Asset Management Strategy and Plans
- e. Long Term Financial Plan

(Cr. Durkin/Cr. McClelland)

**02) BUDGET REVIEW STATEMENT - 31ST MARCH 2013 (FM.FR.1)**

**13/039 RESOLVED:**

That the budget review statement for the quarter ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2013 be accepted, and the variations therein be adopted.

(Cr. Walker/Cr. Griffiths)

**03) FINANCIAL MATTERS (FM.BA.1)**

**13/040 RESOLVED:**

That the information be noted.

(Cr. McClelland/Cr. Griffiths)

**04) EXTERNAL AUDIT SERVICES - TENDERS FOR RENEWAL (CM.AU.1)****13/041 RESOLVED:**

That Council appoint Morse Group to carry out Council's external audit services for the six year period ending 30 June 2019.

(Cr. Durkin/Cr. McClelland)

**05) AUDIT COMMITTEE - MAY 2013 MEETING MINUTES (CM.AU.4)****13/042 RESOLVED:**

That Council receive and note the May 2013 Audit Committee Meeting Minutes.

(Cr. Walker/Cr. McClelland)

**06) WBC ALLIANCE - EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT (CM.AG.6)****13/043 RESOLVED:**

That the information be noted and that Council expresses its thanks to the Executive Officer, Donna Galvin, for her what she has achieved for the Alliance over the past five years.

(Cr. Durkin/Cr. McClelland)

**07) LOCAL GOVERNMENT INDEPENDENT REVIEW PANEL (IRP) - FUTURE DIRECTIONS REPORT, "TWENTY ESSENTIAL STEPS" (GR.LR.5)****13/044 RESOLVED:**

That Council advise the Minister for Local Government of Councils support for the WBC Alliance submission to the IRP and Minister for Local Government for the WBC to conduct a pilot program trialling a County Council Shared Services model with Central Tablelands County Council being the vehicle for delivery of the program.

(Cr. Walker/Cr. Griffiths)

**08) LOCAL GOVERNMENT REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL (GR.LR.4)****13/045 RESOLVED:**

That Council endorse its policy of paying the maximum fees to the Chairman and Members of Central Tablelands County Council, as determined by the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal for Category County Council – Water

(Cr. McClelland/Cr. Walker)

**09) 2011/2012 NSW WATER SUPPLY PERFORMANCE MONITORING REPORT (GR.SL.2)**

**13/046 RESOLVED:**

That the 2011/2012 Water Supply Performance Report for Local Government Water Utilities be received and noted.

(Cr. McClelland/Cr. Walker)

**10) LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW - MEMBERSHIP (CM.CI.1)**

**13/047 RESOLVED:**

That Council advise Local Government NSW that it has resolved to apply for Associate Membership of the Association.

(Cr. McClelland/Cr. Walker)

**11) DRINKING WATER MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (EM.MO.1)**

**13/048 RESOLVED:**

That the information be noted and that a letter be written to NSW Health acknowledging with gratitude the funding of the development of the Drinking Water Management System.

(Cr. McClelland/Cr. Griffiths)

**12) NBN CO LTD - DEED OF ACCESS, EUGOWRA NSW (LS.CO.1)**

**13/049 RESOLVED:**

That Council authorise the Chairman and General Manager to sign and execute under Council's Common Seal the Deed of Access, granted to the NBN Co Ltd, over Lots 1–3 DP 383826 Eugowra.

(Cr. Walker/Cr. Durkin)

**13) NBN CO LTD - LEASE AGREEMENT - CARCOAR RESERVOIR (LS.CO.1)**

**13/050 RESOLVED:**

That Council authorise the Chairman and General Manager to sign and execute under Council's Common Seal the lease agreement between Council and the NBN Co Ltd to erect a telecommunications facility on the roof of Carcoar Reservoir.

(Cr. Walker/Cr. Durkin)

**14) GRENFELL P.A.H. & I ASSOCIATION (CR.SD.1)****13/051 RESOLVED:**

That Council approve a Section 356 payment of \$250.00 to the Grenfell Show Committee in support of the 2013 Grenfell Show to be held on 30 & 31 August 2013.

(Cr. Walker/Cr. McClelland)

**15) LAKE ROWLANDS - 2013 DAM SAFETY INSPECTION REPORT (WS.SP.4)****13/052 RESOLVED:**

That the information be noted.

(Cr. Durkin/Cr. Griffiths)

**16) LAKE ROWLANDS SAFETY UPGRADE - OPTIONS STUDY (WS.SP.4)****13/053 RESOLVED:**

That the Lake Rowlands Safety Upgrade Options Study, prepared by GHD, be received and, following receipt of a peer review, be submitted to the NSW Dam Safety Committee with a recommended option and seeking deferral of any required upgrade until at least 2017/2018.

(Cr. Walker/Cr. Durkin)

**17) MAINTENANCE OF COUNCIL'S SYSTEMS (WS.MO.4)****13/054 RESOLVED:**

That the information be noted.

(Cr. Durkin/Cr. McClelland)

**18) PERFORMANCE OF COUNCIL'S SYSTEMS (WS.MO.4)****13/055 RESOLVED:**

That the information be noted.

(Cr. Durkin/Cr. McClelland)

**19) QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

Cr Griffith enquired as to the status of the Orange pipeline. The General Manager advised that CTW was not involved in the pipeline but that a the matter was currently being considered by NSW Planning following a public meeting held in Orange.

Cr Griffith enquired as to whether CTW had a process of notifying consumers to check their property for leaks. The General Manager advised that a flyer on this issue was sent out with the recent water accounts and Cr Griffith was given a copy.

***Proceedings in brief***

*The General Manager advised Council on the current situation with the transfer of Bogolong Dam to Weddin Shire with the NSW Office of Water Licencing Branch looking into the legality of Weddin Shire Council be able to store water in the dam for recreational use.*

*Cr Durkin advised Council that he would not be in attendance at the August 2013 Council meeting.*

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting of Central Tablelands Water will be held in Grenfell on the 14<sup>th</sup> August 2013

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 12:35pm