

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Central Tablelands Water held at Blayney  
Shire Council, on Wednesday, 10 October 2012,  
commencing at 10.30am**

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

*Proceedings in Brief:*

*In accordance with the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005, Schedule 8, Part 1,1,(1)(b), the Chairman, Cr. John Farr OAM, formally opened the Council Meeting and welcomed those present.*

**APOLOGIES**

Nil

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**12/083 RESOLVED:**

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Central Tablelands Water, held on 8 August 2012, being minute numbers 12/060 to 12/082 inclusive, be confirmed.

(Cr. Braddon/Cr. McClelland)

**CHAIRMAN'S MINUTE**

Congratulations to all six councillors on your have been elected to represent Central Tablelands Water for the next four years on behalf of your Council and ratepayers.

Each Councillor representing CTW makes their own decision and votes without interference from your Local Government Council area. CTW is completely autonomous and a separate entity.

After 29 years on the Council of CTW and 18 years as Chair, it is time for others, with new ideas and talents, to take control of this Council and to work for the ratepayers as a team with very talented staff.

Your General Manager, Mr Tony Perry has been an inspiration at the head of this organisation and it has been a pleasure working with him. He keeps you informed, invests wisely and lobbies hard. He is a peoples person and handles most situations. Tony has been with CTW for 21 years.

Darrell our Operations Manager has been with Council for 40 years and has come up through the ranks to be a most talented, knowledgeable manager who gets things

done in the county area. Break downs are at a minimum and dirty water complaints are almost non-existent. His retirement one day should be a concern to you all and he needs to train a suitable offside of some description.

The Manager of Finance & Corporate Services, Gavin has been with us for 4 years. He was originally trained by Cabonne so he watches our funds like a hawk.

Our outdoor staff and administration ladies are all a dedicated team of people. You must get to know them. Join them on their annual picnic day for the good of CTW.

I remember vividly my first meeting, I sat next to Cr Barry Colbert of Blayney Shire and our member Councils included Parkes, Lachlan, Young, Cowra, Blayney, Weddin and Cabonne. The County Clerk was Alan McDowall and the Chairman was Eric Thompson.

It didn't take many meetings to realise that Central Tablelands County Council was going nowhere. The Council had no funds, we patched up our infrastructure the best way we could, and the eastern end of the County was cross subsidising the western end.

The Local Government Minister of the day in 1989 allowed the County to be restructured as it is today. The Council soon started to become sustainable. Introducing user pays in the 1990's and embarking on a substantial capital works program valued at approximately \$18 million. A capital works loan was taken out in 2002 and obtained at a very low rate of interest.

There have been some significant periods of service recorded at CTW, my Deputy Chair for the past 17 years, Geoff McClelland, has served on Council for 29 continuous years, and Cr Geoff Braddon has served for 17 years.

I must express a personal thanks to Cr Geoff McClelland as my deputy for the past 17 years; he has backed the General Manager Tony and myself all the way over those years with support and advice. His stoush and banter with Operations Manager Darrell will probably continue.

CTW is in a great financial position, our loan is being readily serviced and our infrastructure is modern and up-to-date. My only disappointment is that to date we have not been able to achieve the augmentation of Lake Rowlands. We discovered at the recent Local Government Water Management Conference in Wagga Wagga that State Water are looking into the possibility of a new dam storage on the Belubula River downstream of Carcoar Dam and Lake Rowlands Dam so the possibility of a new dam on Lake Rowlands may not eventuate. One day they may realise the mistake they have made.

In light of Destination 2036 and the Local Government Review Panel, the future of local government rests in your hands, at least in regards to water in your regional area. I recommend that you try an increase the size of Central Tablelands Water rather than be swamped and go under.

With that note, I present to you my final Chairman's Minute.

**12/084 RESOLVED:**

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

(Cr. McClelland/Cr. Braddon)

**01) ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND DEPUTY CHAIRMAN (126)**

*Proceedings in Brief:*

*The General Manager advised that he had received one nomination for the position of Chairman, namely Cr. Geoff Braddon, and called for any further nominations. No further nominations were received.*

**Cr. G Braddon OAM was declared duly elected as Chairman.**

*At this stage of the meeting, Cr John Farr's position on Council terminated and he handed over the position of Chair to Cr Geoff Braddon.*

*The General Manager advised that he had received one nomination for the position of Deputy Chairman, namely Cr Geoff McClelland, and called for any further nominations. No further nominations were received.*

**Cr. G McClelland was declared duly elected as Deputy Chairman.**

**02) COUNCIL COMMITTEES (126)**

**12/085 RESOLVED:**

That Council confirm the Audit Committee comprise of the Chairman (or delegate), two (2) external independents, the General Manager as an observer, and the Manager Finance & Corporate Services assuming the role of Secretariat to the Audit Committee (responsible for the coordination of the audit committee, functions and processes).

(Cr. McClelland/Cr. Walker)

**03) MEETING TIMES AND DATES (126)**

**12/086 RESOLVED:**

1. That Council hold its ordinary meetings on the 2nd Wednesday of alternate months, as follows:

Wednesday	12 <sup>th</sup> December 2012	-	Molong
Wednesday	13 <sup>th</sup> February 2013	-	Grenfell
Wednesday	10 <sup>th</sup> April 2013	-	Blayney
Wednesday	12 <sup>th</sup> June 2013	-	Molong
Wednesday	14 <sup>th</sup> August 2013	-	Grenfell
Wednesday	9 <sup>th</sup> October 2013	-	Blayney

2. Council consider the Draft Operational Plan and Budget at the April ordinary meeting each year.

(Cr. McClelland/Cr. Durkin)

*Proceedings in Brief:*

*Councillor Anthony Durkin advised that he will not be in attendance at the next meeting scheduled for 12 December 2012 at Molong.*

On the motion of Cr Walker/Cr Somervaille, Council resolved to adjourn the Meeting at 11:00am for an information session conducted by the General Manager.

The Council Meeting reconvened at 11:40pm.

**04) ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - 30/06/2012 (15)**

**12/087 RESOLVED:**

That the audited financial reports for the year ended 30 June 2012, together with the auditor's report, be received and noted.

(Cr. Walker/Cr. Durkin)

**05) BUDGET REVIEW STATEMENT - 30TH SEPTEMBER 2012 (15)**

**12/088 RESOLVED:**

That the budget review statement for the quarter ended 30<sup>th</sup> September 2012 be accepted, and the variations therein be adopted.

(Cr. Durkin/Cr. Somervaille)

**06) FINANCIAL MATTERS (4)**

**12/089 RESOLVED:**

That the information be noted.

(Cr. Durkin/Cr. McClelland)

**07) FLOOD DAMAGE - REPOSE FROM PREMIER (395)**

**12/090 RESOLVED:**

That the information be noted.

(Cr. Walker/Cr. Griffiths)

**08) DIVISION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT - LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT TASKFORCE (6)**

**12/091 RESOLVED:**

That the information be noted.

(Cr. Durkin/Cr. McClelland)

**09) CUSTOMER SATISFACTION SURVEY (397)**

**12/092 RESOLVED:**

That the information be noted.

(Cr. Walker/Cr. Durkin)

**10) CENTROC SUMMIT 2012 (229)**

**12/093 RESOLVED:**

That Council approve the attendance of any Councillor at the Centroc Summit 2012.

(Cr. McClelland/Cr. Durkin)

**11) GRENFELL P.A.H.&I. ASSOCIATION (210)**

**12/094 RESOLVED:**

That Council approve a Section 356 payment of \$250.00 to the Grenfell Show Committee in support of the 2012 Grenfell Show held on 31 August and 1 September 2012.

(Cr. McClelland/Cr. Durkin)

**12) WATER FILTRATION PLANTS - STATUTORY INSPECTIONS (98)**

**12/095 RESOLVED:**

That the information be noted.

(Cr. Somerville/Cr. Griffiths)

**13) MAINTENANCE OF COUNCIL'S SYSTEMS (105)**

**12/096 RESOLVED:**

That the information be noted.

(Cr. McClelland/Cr. Walker)

**14) PERFORMANCE OF COUNCIL'S SYSTEMS (105)**

**12/097 RESOLVED:**

That the information be noted.

(Cr. McClelland/Cr. Walker)

**15) WATER LEAKAGE ACCOUNT 8019-00, 1704-02, 2781-10 AND 1602-03**

**12/098 RESOLVED:**

That, as these matters deal 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. Griffiths)

**16) QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

Cr McClelland requested a report for the next Council Meeting regarding succession planning for the General Manager and Operations Manager.

The General Manager advised that he would provide a succession plan report for the General Manager and Operations Manager to Council at the December 2012 Council Meeting.

Cr Durkin requested information regarding checking water meters for an initiative being run by the Canowindra News newspaper to assist residents in checking their own water meters.

The General Manager advised Cr Durkin that he would provide the relevant water meter information directly to the Canowindra News newspaper. Cr Durkin advised that he will inform the Canowindra News newspaper to contact the General Manager directly.

**17) PROCEED TO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

**12/099 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. McClelland/Cr. Durkin)

**18) REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

**WATER LEAKAGE – ACCOUNT 8019-00000-2 (296)**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council adhere to its policy of no concession for water leakage

(Cr. Griffiths/Cr. McClelland)

**WATER LEAKAGE – 1704-02000-5 (283)**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council adhere to its policy of no concession for water leakage but that the consumer be given the option of paying the account within a reasonable time by instalments.

(Cr. Walker/Cr. Griffiths)

**WATER LEAKAGE – 2781-10000-9 (285)**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council grant the consumer a concession of 50% of the consumption charge as recorded on the August 2012 water account.

(Cr. McClelland/Cr. Durkin)

**WATER LEAKAGE – 1602-03000-7 (285)**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council grant the consumer a concession of 50% of the consumption

charge as recorded on the August 2012 water account.

(Cr. McClelland/Cr. Walker)

**WATER LEAKAGE – 20230-00000-0 (298)**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council adhere to its policy of no concession for water leakage but that the consumer be given the option of paying the account within a reasonable time by instalments.

(Cr. McClelland/Cr. Griffiths)

**12/100 RECOMMENDATION:**

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

(Cr. McClelland/Cr. Walker)

**FAREWELL/APPRECIATION FUNCTION FOR CR JOHN FARR OAM**

**12/101 RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council approve the operational expenditure of up to \$4,000.00 to fund a farewell/appreciation function in conjunction with Cabonne Council for Cr John Farr to acknowledge his contribution and service to both Councils over a long period of time.

(Cr. Walker/Cr. McClelland)

**18) REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

**12/102 RESOLVED:**

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

(Cr. McClelland/Cr. Durkin)

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting of Central Tablelands Water will be held in Molong on the 12<sup>th</sup> December 2012.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 12.40pm.