

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Central Tablelands Water held at Blayney
Shire Community Centre, on Wednesday, 16 October 2013,
commencing at 10.30am**

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

APOLOGIES

Nil

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**13/080 RESOLVED:**

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Central Tablelands Water, held on 14 August 2013, being minute numbers 13/056 to 13/079 inclusive, be confirmed.

(Cr. McClelland/Cr. Walker)

CHAIRMAN'S MINUTE

During the past two months I attended the WBC Annual General Meeting and Board meeting in Molong and have had a number of meetings and discussions with the General Manager on issues affecting this Council.

This year the WBC Alliance marks its 10th year anniversary and it can be really proud of what it has achieved since 2003. The highlights of the Alliance achievements are spelt out in its Annual Report that has been provided to you with your business paper. I encourage all Councillors to read the Report to see what can be achieved with close collaboration amongst like-minded Councils.

As noted in the business paper, the annual WBC staff and councillor Forum will be held in Molong on 14 November and a formal lunch will be held on that day to recognise the 10th anniversary of the Alliance. Past mayors, councillors and staff involved with the Alliance over the past 10 years will be invited to the lunch.

The Local Government Independent Review Panel is due to hand in its final report to the Minister at the end of this month and regional collaboration is certainly an option that is being very much encouraged. The Minister is continuing to stress that his Government will not be pursuing forced amalgamations.

I have recently received a letter from the Minister in which Council is commended for actively considering local government reform options, in particular proposed new structural arrangements being considered for Blayney Shire Council, Cabonne Council and CTW. The Minister indicated that he is keen to support councils to implement any changes. I have circulated a copy of this letter to you today.

Finally, we have our annual elections today for the positions of Chairman and Deputy Chairman and I have once again nominated for the position of Chairman. It has been a privilege and honour to have held this position over the past 12 months.

13/081 RESOLVED:

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

(Cr. McClelland/Cr. Walker)

COUNCILLOR REPRESENTATION

Cr Somerville reported that he had represented Council at the recent LG NSW Conference in Sydney.

Cr Durkin reported that he had represented Council at the LG Water Management Conference held in Terrigal NSW between 8 and 10 September 2013.

01) RESCISSION MOTION - CAPITAL CONTRIBUTION FOR IN-FILL BLOCKS (DB.LA.1)

13/082 RESOLVED:

That this matter be deferred until the December 2013 Council meeting and that the General Manager present a report to the December meeting giving details as to how other councils in NSW charge for water connections to developments on in-fill blocks.

(Cr. McClelland/Cr. Somerville)

02) ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND DEPUTY CHAIRMAN (GO.CO.2)

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.

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

Cr. D Somerville was declared duly elected as Deputy Chairman.

03) COUNCIL COMMITTEES (GO.CO.2)

13/083 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 of Finance and Corporate Services assuming the role of Secretariat to the Audit Committee (responsible for the

coordination of the audit committee, functions and processes).

(Cr. Walker/Cr. Durkin)

04) MEETING TIMES AND DATES (GO.CO.2)

13/084 RESOLVED:

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

Wednesday	11 th December 2013	-	Molong
Wednesday	12 th February 2014	-	Grenfell
Wednesday	9 th April 2014	-	Blayney
Wednesday	11 th June 2014	-	Canowindra
Wednesday	13 th August 2014	-	Grenfell
Wednesday	8 th October 2014	-	Blayney

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

(Cr. Walker/Cr. Durkin)

05) ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - 30/06/2013 (FM.FR.1)

13/085 RESOLVED:

That the audited financial reports for the year ended 30 June 2013, together with the auditor's report, be received and noted.

(Cr. Walker/Cr. McClelland)

06) BUDGET REVIEW STATEMENT - 30TH SEPTEMBER 2013 (FM.FR.1)

13/086 RESOLVED:

That the budget review statement for the quarter ended 30th September 2013 be accepted, and the variations therein be adopted.

(Cr. Durkin/Cr. McClelland)

07) FINANCIAL MATTERS (FM.BA.1)

13/087 RESOLVED:

That the information be noted.

(Cr. Walker/Cr. Somerville)

08) AUDIT COMMITTEE - AUGUST 2013 MEETING MINUTES (CM.AU.4)

13/088 RESOLVED:

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

(Cr. Walker/Cr. Somerville)

09) AUDIT COMMITTEE - APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT EXTERNAL MEMBER (CM.AU.4)

13/089 RESOLVED:

That Council approve the appointment of Mr Phillip Burgett FCA as an independent external member of Central Tablelands Water (CTW) Audit Committee.

(Cr. McClelland/Cr. Somerville)

10) LOCAL GOVERNMENT REFORM UPDATE (GR.LR.5)

13/090 RESOLVED:

That the information be noted.

(Cr. McClelland/Cr. Griffiths)

11) WATER SECURITY - CENTRAL WEST NSW (WS.SP.4)

13/091 RESOLVED:

That the information be noted.

(Cr. McClelland/Cr. Griffiths)

12) NSW DECENTRALISATION TASKFORCE REPORT (GR.SL.3)

13/092 RESOLVED:

That the information be noted.

(Cr. Somerville/Cr. Griffiths)

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

13/093 RESOLVED:

That the information be noted.

(Cr. Walker/Cr. McClelland)

14) WBC ALLIANCE FORUM 2013 (CM.AG.6)

13/094 RESOLVED:

That the information be noted.

(Cr. McClelland/Cr. Durkin)

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

13/095 RESOLVED:

That the information be noted.

(Cr. McClelland/Cr. Walker)

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

13/096 RESOLVED:

That the information be noted.

(Cr. Durkin/Cr. Walker)

17) QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Cr Walker questioned why Council meetings were not held in Canowindra. It was agreed that the meeting scheduled for 11 June 2014 would be held at the Services Club in Canowindra.

The General Manager undertook to seek an update from the NSW Office of Water on the issue of the transfer of Bogolong Dam.

**18) WATER LEAKAGE - ACCOUNT 1716040009 (CR.EQ.1)
WATER LEAKAGE – ACCOUNT 21201000003 (CR.EQ.1)**

13/097 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. Durkin)

19) PROCEED TO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

13/098 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. Somerville/Cr. Durkin)

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

WATER LEAKAGE – ACCOUNT 1716040009 (CR.EQ.1)

RECOMMENDATION:

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

(Cr. Walker/Cr. Durkin)

WATER LEAKAGE – ACCOUNT 21201000003 (CR.EQ.1)

RECOMMENDATION:

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

(Cr. Walker/Cr. Griffiths)

RECOMMENDATION:

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

(Cr. Walker/Cr. Durkin)

20) REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

13/099 RESOLVED:

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

(Cr. Somerville/Cr. Durkin)

Next Meeting: The next meeting of Central Tablelands Water will be held in Molong on 11th December 2013.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 12.25pm