

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Central Tablelands Water held at Blayney
Shire Council, on Wednesday, 20 October 2011,
commencing at 10.30am**

<u>Present</u>	Cr. John Farr	(Chairman)	Cabonne
	Cr. Kevin Duffy		Cabonne
	Cr. Geoffrey McClelland	(Deputy Chairman)	Weddin
	Cr. Barry Hinde		Weddin
	Cr. Geoffrey Braddon		Blayney
	Cr. Kevin Radburn		Blayney
	Tony Perry	(General Manager)	
	Darrell Sligar	(Operations Manager)	

PUBLIC FORUM

The developer of a proposed subdivision in Blayney took the opportunity to address Council to express his concerns with the level of Section 64 developer charges being applied to the proposed subdivision and requested Council to consider a reduction to the charge. This matter was further considered in the closed meeting of the Committee of the Whole.

APOLOGIES

Nil

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

11/089 RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Central Tablelands Water, held on 10 August 2011, being minute numbers 11/065 to 11/088 inclusive, be confirmed.

(Cr. Duffy/Cr. Hinde)

CHAIRMAN'S MINUTE

I just want to give you a brief update on the recent Local Government Water Conference held in Grafton. It was very interesting although we had very little to report. The only MP that attended and addressed the Conference, Steve Cansdell, was stood down and resigned from Parliament on the same day due to a false declaration on a speeding fine. His speech wasn't inspiring and in fact didn't offer anything we didn't already know. It was disappointing that we didn't have any Ministerial attendance at the Conference.

During a couple of breaks in the Conference, the General Manager and I had the opportunity to talk to a senior officer from the NSW Office of Water. He said the State Government is fairly well strapped from a financial point of view and they are looking very closely at projects that have a financial commitment from the government but may not proceed.

Councillors might remember that the General Manager wrote to Minister Katrina Hodgkinson seeking reallocation of the \$2.3 million, originally allocated to the proposed Browns Creek pipeline, to the Lake Rowlands augmentation proposal. Well

the senior officer from the NSW Office of Water advised that he had not seen the letter even though it was written 3 months earlier. Whilst he advised that he didn't think it would be successful, he did undertake to locate the letter and ensure a response within a minimum time frame. In the meantime, the General Manager has secured a meeting with Minister Hodgkinson for me and him on 9 November in Sydney to reinforce the need to augment Lake Rowlands and the reallocation of the Browns Creek subsidy funding. The Minister will be made aware of the urgency on this project and the advice from the NSW Dam Safety Committee that, unless Council can provide the Committee with a firm plan of action identifying that the new dam will be commenced within 10 years, they will require significant upgrade works to be carried out on the existing dam which could amount to a few million dollars.

At this stage the Chairman allowed significant discussion on the pro and cons of the Orange pipeline issue and the perceived lack of action on the Lake Rowlands Augmentation proposal.

Continuing with my chairman's minute, the final thing I want to say briefly is that Premier Barry O'Farrell stood on a platform of reducing, or having no, cost shifting and we already have an issue in the business paper where we have to find another \$22,000.00 for another consultancy. I think we need to let him know, and every council in NSW needs to let him know, that he stood on this issue at the NSW elections and that it was mentioned at the Destination 2036 in Dubbo that one of the major issues in the financial degradation of local government in NSW is cost shifting from the state government.

11/090 RESOLVED:

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

(Cr. Braddon/Cr. Duffy)

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 and called for any further nominations. No further nominations were received.

Cr. J S Farr was declared duly elected as Chairman.

The General Manager advised that he had received one nomination for the position of Deputy Chairman 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)

11/091 RESOLVED:

1. That the Consultative Committee remain disbanded until there is a

renewal of staff interest;

2. That the OH&S Committee not be reformed;
3. That if necessary, Council use the ordinary voting system for election of a committee member to the Plant Committee;
4. That the Lake Rowlands Augmentation Committee remain as a Committee of the Whole.
5. That the Internal Audit Committee comprise of a Councillor (or delegate), two (2) external independents, the General Manager as an observer, and the Finance Manager assuming the role of Secretariat to the Internal Audit Committee (responsible for the coordination of the audit committee, functions and processes).

(Cr. Duffy/Cr. McClelland)

03) MEETING DATES AND TIMES (126)

11/092 RESOLVED:

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

Wednesday	14 th December 2011	-	Molong
Wednesday	8 th February 2012	-	Grenfell
Wednesday	11 th April 2012	-	Blayney
Wednesday	13 th June 2012	-	Molong
Wednesday	8 th August 2012	-	Grenfell
Wednesday	10 th October 2012	-	Blayney

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

(Cr. McClelland/Cr. Duffy)

04) ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - 30/06/2011 (15)

11/093 RESOLVED:

That consideration of the audited financial reports for the year ended 30 June 2011 be deferred to the December 2011 meeting of Council and that Mr John O'Malley from Morse Group be asked to attend to present his report.

(Cr. Duffy/Cr. Braddon)

05) BUDGET REVIEW STATEMENT - 30TH SEPTEMBER 2011 (15)

11/094 RESOLVED:

That the budget review statement for the quarter ended 30th September 2011 be accepted, and the variations therein be adopted.

(Cr. Hinde/Cr. Radburn)

06) FINANCIAL MATTERS (4)

11/095 RESOLVED:

That the information be noted.
(Cr. Duffy/Cr. Braddon)

07) INTERNAL AUDIT COMMITTEE (392)

11/096 RESOLVED:

That Council endorse the appointment of Mr Stephen Kent to replace Mr Phillip Burgett as an independent external member on Council's Internal Audit Committee.
(Cr. Radburn/Cr. Braddon)

08) PUBLIC INTEREST DISCLOSURES ACT 1994 (394)

11/097 RESOLVED:

That the information be received and the Internal Reporting Policy, as presented, be endorsed and placed on public display for a period of at least 28 days.
(Cr. Hinde/Cr. McClelland)

09) CENTROC WATER UTILITIES ALLIANCE

11/098 RESOLVED:

That the report on the progress of the Centroc Water Utilities Alliance be noted.
(Cr. McClelland/Cr. Hinde)

10) 2009/2010 NSW WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE PERFORMANCE REPORT (217)

11/099 RESOLVED:

That the 2009/2010 Water Supply Performance Report for Local Government Water Utilities be received and noted
(Cr. McClelland/Cr. Hinde)

11) CABONNE COUNCIL - 24 HOUR HELICOPTER RETRIEVAL SERVICE (324)

11/100 RESOLVED:

That Council formally support the campaign for a 24 hour helicopter retrieval service based in Orange with a letter to the State Government under the Chairman's signature.
(Cr. Hinde/Cr. McClelland)

12) DESTINATION 2036 UPDATE (101)

11/101 RESOLVED:

That the Chairman and General Manager submit an appropriate response to the draft Action Plan of Destination 2036.

(Cr. Braddon/Cr. Radburn)

13) CONSTITUTIONAL RECOGNITION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT (6)

11/102 RESOLVED:

That the information be noted and that the General Manager make a written submission in favour of the Constitutional Recognition of Local Government.

(Cr. Radburn/Cr. Braddon)

14) COUNCILLOR EXPENSES AND FACILITIES POLICY (6)

11/103 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 December 2011 meeting of Council.

(Cr. McClelland/Cr. Hinde)

15) DRAFT WATER SHARING PLAN - LACHLAN UNREGULATED & ALLUVIAL WATER SOURCES (217)

11/104 RESOLVED:

That the information be noted.

(Cr. Braddon/Cr. McClelland)

16) BUSINESS CONTINUITY PLANNING (356)

11/105 RESOLVED:

That this matter be deferred to the December 2011 meeting of Council for consideration of a further report to be submitted by the General Manager.

(Cr. Radburn/Cr. Braddon)

17) INTEGRATED WATER CYCLE MANAGEMENT - DETAILED STRATEGY (368)

Proceedings in Brief

Mr Andrew Frazer from HydroScience Consulting addressed Council giving an overview of the results of the draft joint IWCM Detailed Strategy report.

11/106 RESOLVED:

That the information be noted.
(Cr. Braddon/Cr. Radburn)

18) BOGOLONG DAM - REQUEST FOR RECREATION ACTIVITY (99)

11/107 RESOLVED:

That the General Manager place an advertisement in the Grenfell Record calling for expressions of interest in the purchase of Bogolong Dam.
(Cr. Hinde/Cr. McClelland)

19) WBC ALLIANCE - PROJECT OFFICER'S REPORT (356)

11/108 RESOLVED:

That the information be noted.
(Cr. Radburn/Cr. McClelland)

20) ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY (84)

11/109 RESOLVED:

That the information be noted.
(Cr. Hinde/Cr. Radburn)

21) WATER TREATMENT PLANTS - PERIODIC INSPECTIONS (98)

11/110 RESOLVED:

That Council note the information.
(Cr. Braddon/Cr. Radburn)

22) PURCHASE OF PLANT (87)

11/111 RESOLVED:

That Council endorse the action of the Plant Committee.
(Cr. Hinde/Cr. Farr)

23) MAINTENANCE OF COUNCIL'S SYSTEMS (105)

11/112 RESOLVED:

That the information be noted.
(Cr. Duffy/Cr. Radburn)

24) PERFORMANCE OF COUNCIL'S SYSTEMS (105)

11/113 RESOLVED:

That the information be noted.
(Cr. Duffy/Cr. Radburn)

25) NEW WATER SERVICES (80)

11/114 RESOLVED:

That the information be noted.
(Cr. Duffy/Cr. Radburn)

26) DEVELOPER ASSISTANCE - BLAYNEY SUBDIVISION (119)

11/115 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. Radburn/Cr. Braddon)

27) QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

No questions on notice were received.

28) PROCEED TO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

11/116 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. Braddon/Cr. Hinde)

29) REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

DEVELOPER ASSISTANCE - BLAYNEY SUBDIVISION (119)

RECOMMENDATION:

That the developer be advised that his request to reduce the developer charges on his proposed subdivision is declined but that the action of the General Manager in granting deferred payment of the developer charges for a two year period with a bank guarantee is endorsed.
(Cr. Braddon/Cr. Radburn)

RECOMMENDATION:

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

(Cr. Duffy/Cr. Hinde)

11/117 RESOLVED:

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

(Cr. Duffy/Cr. Hinde)

Next Meeting: The next meeting of Central Tablelands Water will be held in Molong on Wednesday 14th December 2011.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 1.20pm.