

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Central Tablelands Water held at Blayney
Shire Council, on Wednesday, 21 October 2015,
commencing at 10.30am**

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

APOLOGIES

Nil

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**15/073 RESOLVED:**

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Central Tablelands Water, held on 19 August 2015, being minute numbers 15/053 to 15/072 inclusive, be confirmed.

(Cr. Durkin/Cr. McClelland)

Councils Auditor, Mr John O'Malley a Partner with Intentus Chartered Accountants, presented his findings of the 2014/2015 Financial Statements.

CHAIRMAN'S MINUTE

The government's intentions regarding reform of the Local Government sector are becoming clearer with the release yesterday of the IPART report and the government's response.

Significantly for CTW, each of its three constituent councils has been found to be "unfit" and has 30 days to respond with their proposals. The preferred option for all three is a merger with neighbours.

So the next 12 months will be a dynamic time not only for our constituent councils but also, therefore, for CTW itself.

The one positive aspect of the reform process from CTW's own point of view is that it seems our campaign to impress upon the government the importance of leaving the county council structure in tact seems to have found critical support. It was backed by the other water county councils and by a resolution passed recently at the LGNSW annual conference. I thank deputy chair Cr Walker for moving that motion in my absence. There is no mention of county councils in yesterday's government response to the IPART report. Unfortunately our regional organisation, CENTROC, is not so

supportive of the county council model, although it is supportive of CTW itself retaining its full membership of the regional organisation.

The one aspect not yet finalised is the relationship between the proposed new Joint Organisations and water county councils, local water utilities and regional water alliances. It was the subject of the paper I gave at the recent LGNSW Water Management conference, urging that any reform to regional water supply be dealt with as a separate matter, unrelated to the current reform of the LG sector.

15/074 RESOLVED:

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

(Cr. Durkin/Cr. McClelland)

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

The General Manager reported the following Disclosure of Interest forms had been submitted:

Councillor/Staff	Interest	Item	Pg	Report	Reason
Cr. Geoff McClelland	Pecuniary	13	45	Committee of the Whole - Deferment of Section 64 Development Charges.	(01 & 02) Agent for sale of properties. (03) Family relative.

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

15/075 RESOLVED:

That Council adopt the ordinary voting system for election of Chairman and Deputy Chairman.

(Cr. McClelland/Cr. Griffiths)

Proceedings in Brief:

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

Cr. David Somerville was declared duly elected as Chairman.

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

Cr. Kevin Walker was declared duly elected as Deputy Chairman.

02) COUNCIL COMMITTEES (GO.CO.2)**15/076 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 Director 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. McClelland/Cr. Griffiths)

03) MEETING TIMES AND DATES (GO.CO.2)**15/077 RESOLVED:**

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

Wednesday	9 th December 2015	-	Canowindra
Wednesday	10 th February 2016	-	Grenfell
Wednesday	13 th April 2016	-	Blayney
Wednesday	8 th June 2016	-	Canowindra
Wednesday	10 th August 2016	-	Grenfell
Wednesday	12 th October 2016	-	Blayney

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

(Cr. Griffiths/Cr. Durkin)

04) STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN (FM.PL.2)**15/078 RESOLVED:**

That, following the statutory period of public exhibition, Council formally adopt the draft 2015 Strategic Business Plan, as endorsed at the August 2015 meeting of Council.

(Cr. Walker/Cr. Durkin)

05) INTENTUS - INTERIM AUDIT MANAGEMENT LETTER Y/E 30/06/2015 (CM.AU.1)**15/079 RESOLVED:**

That the information be noted.

(Cr. Durkin/Cr. McClelland)

06) ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - 30/06/2015 (FM.FR.1)**15/080 RESOLVED:**

That the audited financial reports for the year ended 30 June 2015, together with the auditor's report, be received and noted.

(Cr. Durkin/Cr. McClelland)

07) FINANCIAL MATTERS (FM.BA.1)**15/081 RESOLVED:**

That the information be noted.

(Cr. Durkin/Cr. Griffiths)

08) QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW STATEMENT - 30TH SEPTEMBER 2015 (FM.FR.1)**15/082 RESOLVED:**

That the budget review statement for the quarter ended 30th September 2015 be accepted, and the variations therein be adopted.

(Cr. McClelland/Cr. Griffiths)

09) LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2015 (GR.LR.2)**15/083 RESOLVED:**

That Council note the report.

(Cr. Durkin/Cr. Griffiths)

10) MAINTENANCE OF COUNCIL'S SYSTEMS (WS.MO.4)**15/084 RESOLVED:**

That the information be noted.

(Cr. Braddon/Cr. McClelland)

11) PERFORMANCE OF COUNCIL'S SYSTEMS (WS.MO.4)**15/085 RESOLVED:**

That the information be noted.

(Cr. Braddon/Cr. McClelland)

12) QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

No questions on noticed were received prior to the meeting.

The General Manager advised Council that for succession planning purposes, the recruitment process for the position of Director Operations

and Technical Services would commence next month. This will allow for a smooth transition and handover period with less likelihood of disruption to operations when CTW's current Director Operations and Technical Services intends to retire later next year.

Cr. Walker enquired about rebates given to preschools on the CTW supply network within the Cabonne area. The General Manager advised Cr Walker that he would provide a list of rebates given to preschools on the CTW supply network.

**13) DEFERMENT OF SECTION 64 DEVELOPER CHARGES (WS.AG.1)
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15/086 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)

Cr. McClelland declared an interest in the reports of the Committee of the Whole, and left the meeting at 11.35am.

14) PROCEED TO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

15/087 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. Walker/Cr. Griffiths)

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

REQUEST FOR DEFERRED PAYMENT OF SECTION 64 CHARGES (WS.AG.1)

RECOMMENDATION:

Council approve the deferment of Section 64 Developer Charges for the subdivision at McDonalds Lane, Canowindra, on the condition that the owner provides Council with a letter agreeing to pay the full Section 64 Developer Charge applicable at the date of sale of each allotment.

(Cr. Braddon/Cr. Walker)

**REQUEST FOR DEFERRED PAYMENT OF SECTION 64 CHARGES
(WS.AG.1)**

RECOMMENDATION:

Council approve the deferment of Section 64 Developer Charges on Lots 118, 119, 124, 125, 129 and 130 Huckel Close, Grenfell, on the condition that the owner provides Council with a letter agreeing to pay in full the Section 64 Developer Charges applicable at the date of sale of each allotment.

(Cr. Walker/Cr. Braddon)

**REQUEST FOR DEFERRED PAYMENT OF SECTION 64 CHARGES
(WS.AG.1)**

RECOMMENDATION:

Council approve the deferment of Section 64 Developer Charges on the proposed subdivision on Huckel Close, Guy Crescent and Walsh's Lane, Grenfell, on the condition that the owner provides Council with a letter agreeing to pay the full Section 64 Developer Charges applicable at the date of sale of each allotment.

(Cr. Braddon/Cr. Griffiths)

RECOMMENDATION:

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

(Cr. Braddon/Cr. Griffiths)

15) REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

15/088 RESOLVED:

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

(Cr. Braddon/Cr. Griffiths)

Next Meeting: The next meeting of Central Tablelands Water will be held in Canowindra on 9th December 2015.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 11.40am.