

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Central Tablelands Water held at the
Weddin Shire Council Chambers, Grenfell on Wednesday, 9th October 2019,
commencing at 10.41am**

<u>Present</u>	Cr. David Somervaille	(Chairman)	Blayney
	Cr. John Newstead		Blayney
	Cr. Craig Bembrick		Weddin
	Cr. Paul Best		Weddin
	Cr. Kevin Walker	(Deputy Chairman)	Cabonne
	Cr. Anthony Durkin		Cabonne

Gavin Rhodes	(General Manager)
Peter McFarlane	(Director Finance & Corporate Services)
Noel Wellham	(Director Operations & Technical Services)
Bee Smith	(Governance & Executive Support Officer)

APOLOGIES

Nil

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

19/092 RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Central Tablelands Water, held on 9th October 2019, being minute numbers 19/073 to 19/091 inclusive, be confirmed.

(Cr. Durkin/Cr. Best)

MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Nil

DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS

Nil

CHAIRMAN'S MINUTE

Nil

COUNCILLOR REPRESENTATION

Cr. Somervaille represented CTW at the following:

- Central NSW Joint Organisation (CNSWJO) Board meeting, Parkes 22 August 2019.
- LGNSW 2019 Water Management Conference, Albury 2-4 September 2019.

- Local Water Utilities Policy Advisory Group meeting, Sydney 6 July 2019.
- Various other meetings in his capacity as Chair for the Regional Water portfolio.

Cr. Walker represented CTW at the following:

- LGNSW 2019 Water Management Conference, Albury 2-4 September 2019.

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

19/093 RESOLVED:

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

(Cr. Best/Cr. Bembrick)

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

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

02) COUNCIL COMMITTEES (GO.CO.2)

19/094 RESOLVED:

That Council confirm the Audit Risk and Improvement Committee (ARIC) comprise of the Chairman (or delegate), two (2) external independents, the General Manager and Director Finance and Corporate Services as observers, and the Governance & Executive Support Officer assuming the role of Secretariat to the ARIC (responsible for the coordination of the committee, functions and processes).

(Cr. Walker/Cr. Newstead)

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

19/095 RESOLVED:

- 1) That Council hold its ordinary meetings for the next 12 months on the following dates:

Wednesday	11 th December 2019	-	Canowindra
Wednesday	12 th February 2020	-	Blayney
Wednesday	13 th May 2020	-	Grenfell
Wednesday	17 th June 2020	-	Canowindra
Wednesday	12 th August 2020	-	Blayney
Wednesday	14 th October 2020	-	Grenfell

- 2) Council consider the Draft Operational Plan and Budget at the May ordinary meeting.

(Cr. Bembrick/Cr. Newstead)

04) DISCLOSURES BY COUNCILLORS AND DESIGNATED PERSONS (GO.CO.3)

19/096 RESOLVED:

That the “Disclosures by Councillors and Designated Persons” Returns for the period ending 30 June 2019, as tabled be received.

(Cr. Newstead/Cr. Bembrick)

05) MOTION FOR LGNSW ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2019 (GR.LR.1)

19/097 RESOLVED:

That Council resolve to support and put forward the following motion to the Local Government NSW Annual Conference 2019:

Motion:

THAT LGNSW advocates that local water utilities (LWUs) regulated under the Water Management Act 2000 be afforded the same flexibility in recovering contributions from developers toward the cost of water and sewer works as applies to metropolitan utilities regulated under the Water Industry Competition Act 2006. In particular:

- 1) *LWUs should have the flexibility to recover the cost of existing and new infrastructure (calculated under the utility’s Development Servicing Plan):*
 - a) *entirely from developers of new developments;*
 - b) *entirely from all existing and new customers; or*
 - c) *from a combination of both (e.g. through a cap less than the full developer charge).*
- 2) *The manner and extent of the disclosure of any cross subsidy should be at the discretion of the LWU,*
in both cases without the LWU being in breach of the Best Practice Guidelines for Water and Sewerage.

(Cr. Durkin/Cr. Best)

06) CENTROC BOARD MEETING AND CENTRALNSW JOINT ORGANISATION MEETING HELD 22 AUGUST 2019 (CM.CF.3)

19/098 RESOLVED:

That Council note the Centroc and Central NSW Joint Organisation Mayoral Report and associated minutes for the meeting held on 22 August 2019.

(Cr. Walker/Cr. Bembrick)

07) LGNSW WATER MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE 2019 (CM.CF.1)

19/099 RESOLVED:

That Council note the report.

(Cr. Newstead/Cr. Walker)

08) COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS UPDATE REPORT (GO.CO.1)

19/100 RESOLVED:

That Council note the Council Resolutions Update Report to August 2019.

(Cr. Walker/Cr. Bembrick)

09) FINANCIAL MATTERS (FM.BA.1)

19/101 RESOLVED:

That the information in relation to Council's investments as at 31 August 2019 be noted.

(Cr. Newstead/Cr. Durkin)

10) FINANCIAL STATEMENTS CERTIFICATES (FM.FR.1)

19/102 RESOLVED:

1. That Council's Financial Reports be referred to audit in accordance with Section 413(1) of the Local Government Act 1993.
2. That Council notes that the Annual Financial Reports have been compiled in accordance with:
 - a) The Local Government Act 1993 (as amended) and the regulations made thereunder;
 - b) The Australian Accounting Standards and Professional pronouncements; and
 - c) The Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial

Reporting.

3. That Council endorses the Annual Financial Reports as fairly presenting the Council's operating result and financial position for the year, and that the Financial Reports accord with Council's accounting and other records.
4. That Council states that it is not aware of any matter that would render this report false and misleading in any way.
5. That Council, in accordance with Section 413 (2) (c) of the Local Government Act 1993 authorises the Chairman, the Deputy Chairman, the General Manager and the Responsible Accounting Officer to sign the required Statements relating to the General Purpose Financial Report and the Special Purpose Financial Report.
6. That Council delegates to the General Manager the authority to issue the Financial Statements upon receipt of the Auditor's Reports.
7. That Council endorse the internal restrictions as listed in Note 6 in the Financial Report.

(Cr. Bembrick/Cr. Walker)

**11) LEAKAGE ALLOWANCE APPLICATION STATISTICS 2018-2019
(CR.EQ.1)**

19/103 RESOLVED:

That Council note the information regarding leakage allowances approved for 2018-19.

(Cr. Bembrick/Cr. Newstead)

12) WATER SECURITY – DROUGHT IMPACT UPDATE (WS.AM.1)

19/104 RESOLVED:

That the information be noted.

(Cr. Walker/Cr. Newstead)

13) TRUNK MAIN K RENEWAL (WS.AM.1)

19/105 RESOLVED:

That Council approve an additional vote of \$225k from the Infrastructure Restriction to complete the Trunk Main K Project.

(Cr. Durkin/Cr. Walker)

14) LAKE ROWLANDS DAM SAFETY UPGRADE (WS.SP.4)

19/106 RESOLVED:

That the information be noted.

(Cr. Bembrick/Cr. Durkin)

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

19/107 RESOLVED:

That the information be noted.

(Cr. Newstead/Cr. Bembrick)

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

19/108 RESOLVED:

1. That the information be noted.
2. Council adopt a benchmark for Main Breaks of 9.0 breaks per 100km /year rolling across consecutive years. This value is in-line with 2017/18 NSW State median of 9.0.
3. Council adopt a benchmark for Complaints of 5.0 complaints per 1000 properties /year rolling across consecutive years. This value is in-line with 2017/18 NSW State median of 5.0.
4. Council adopt a benchmark for Service Activities and Requests below 5% across all townships. This value reflects the impact on field staff outside their normal planned maintenance activities.

(Cr. Durkin/Cr. Bembrick)

17) QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

(General Manager)

No questions on notice were received.

**18) WATER LEAKAGE – ACCOUNT 4394000006 (CR.EQ.1)
WATER LEAKAGE – ACCOUNT 1361000001 (CR.EQ.1)
WATER LEAKAGE – ACCOUNT 230000003 (CR.EQ.1)
WATER LEAKAGE - ACCOUNT 3743000006 (CR.EQ.1)
CABONNE COUNCIL - SALE OF LAND FOR UNPAID RATES AND CHARGES (FM.DB.1)
GENERAL MANAGER'S CONTRACT (GO.CO.1)**

(General Manager)

19/109 RESOLVED:

That, as these matters deal with items that are subject to the affairs of an individual or commercial information of a confidential nature, Council consider those matters in the 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. Bembrick/Cr. Durkin)

19) PROCEED TO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

19/110 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. Durkin)

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

01) WATER LEAKAGE – ACCOUNT 4394000006 (CR.EQ.1)

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That Council decline the request due to being the Estate's responsibility to ensure the private plumbing is maintained on the property, and
2. The Estate be offered three (3) months to pay the account if the property is to be sold or otherwise be provided the option of entering into a payment arrangement.

(Cr. Walker/Cr. Durkin)

02) WATER LEAKAGE – ACCOUNT 1361000001 (CR.EQ.1)

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council decline the application due to not meeting the criteria for financial relief, and the property owner being responsible for ensuring that private plumbing is maintained on the property.

(Cr. Newstead/Cr. Walker)

03) WATER LEAKAGE – ACCOUNT 23000003 (CR.EQ.1)

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council decline the request due to the property owner being responsible for ensuring the private plumbing is maintained on the property.

(Cr. Durkin/Cr. Bembrick)

04) WATER LEAKAGE – ACCOUNT 3743000006 (CR.EQ.1)

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council grant a concession of 50% of the water consumption for the September 2019 water account.

(Cr. Durkin/Cr. Bembrick)

05) CABONNE COUNCIL – SALE OF LAND FOR UNPAID RATES AND CHARGES (FM.DB.1)

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That the reconnection fees for the property listed for sale be in accordance with Council's adopted fees and charges for properties that have disconnected in excess of 3 months.
2. That as the property is subject to a Section 713 sale that new developer charges not be applied to the property.
3. That Council note that Cabonne Council have agreed to share the new sale proceeds of sale on a pro rate proportion to the debts of the property, and
4. That the General Manager be delegated to write off any remaining outstanding debt in respect of the property if the pro rate proceeds of sale are not sufficient to extinguish the debt.

(Cr. Durkin/Cr. Bembrick)

06) GENERAL MANAGER'S CONTRACT (GO.CO.1)

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council note the report.

(Cr. Newstead/Cr. Best)

20) REPORT TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

19/111 RESOLVED:

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

(Cr. Walker/Cr. Bembrick)

Next Meeting: The next meeting of Central Tablelands Water will be held in Canowindra on 11 December 2019.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 1.14pm.