

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Central Tablelands Water held at the Old Vic Inn, Canowindra on 9 December 2020, commencing at 10:35am.

Present

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)

Mrs Katy Henry from Intentus Chartered Accountants provided a PowerPoint presentation on CTW's Financial Report for 2019-20, on behalf of the Audit Office of NSW.

APOLOGIES

Nil

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

20/115 RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Central Tablelands Water, held on 14 October 2020, being minute numbers 20/086 to 20/110 inclusive, be confirmed.

(Cr. Durkin/Cr. Bembrick)

20/116 RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Central Tablelands Water, held on 30 October 2020, being minute numbers 20/111 to 20/112 inclusive, be confirmed.

(Cr. Durkin/Cr. Bembrick)

20/117 RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Central Tablelands Water, held on 20 November 2020, being minute numbers 20/113 to 20/114 inclusive, be confirmed.

(Cr. Walker/Cr. Bembrick)

MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Nil

DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS

Cr Somervaille and Cr Newstead disclosed a non-pecuniary conflict of interest at Item 5 (Water Connection at Dakers Oval, Blayney) due to being current councillors of Blayney Shire Council.

PUBLIC FORUM

Nil

CHAIRMAN'S MINUTE

Nil

COUNCILLOR REPRESENTATION

Cr. Somervaille represented CTW at the following:

- General Manager Performance Review, 20 October 2020
- Lachlan Regional Water Strategy Meeting via video conference, 26 October 2020
- Caragabal Water Supply Feasibility Study Community Meeting, 29 October 2020
- Macquarie and Lachlan Regional Water Strategy JO Briefing, 29 October 2020
- Regional Water Committee (JO) meeting with Infrastructure Australia, 3 November 2020
- Meeting with General Manager's mentor, Graeme Hayley, 5 November 2020
- Meeting Lachlan Valley Water re: Lachlan Regional Water Strategy, 6 November 2020
- ARIC Meeting, 18 November 2020
- Local Government NSW Conference, 23 November 2020
- CTW Christmas Party, 27 November 2020

Cr. Walker represented CTW at the following:

- General Manager Performance Review, 20 October 2020
- Local Government NSW Conference, 23 November 2020

Cr. Bembrick represented CTW at the following:

- Caragabal Water Supply Feasibility Study Community Meeting, 29 October 2020

NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

01) CLOSING OF OFFICE OVER CHRISTMAS – NEW YEAR PERIOD (CM.ME.1)

20/118 RESOLVED:

That Council note the report.

(Cr. Walker/Cr. Durkin)

02) ROBERT DIXON 40 YEARS OF EXEMPLARY SERVICE (PE.EC.3)

20/119 RESOLVED:

That Council endorse the action of the General Manager in inviting Robert Dixon to attend this meeting in order that Council may acknowledge his 40 years of exemplary service to Council and its consumers.

(Cr. Newstead/Cr. Walker)

03) DRAFT COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY (CR.ML.1)

20/120 RESOLVED:

That Council:

1. Note the report, and
2. Adopt the draft Community Engagement Strategy 2021-22 as presented.

(Cr. Best/Cr. Newstead)

04) LGNSW ANNUAL CONFERENCE (CM.CF.1)

20/121 RESOLVED:

That Council note the report.

(Cr. Newstead/Cr. Bembrick)

Proceedings in brief: Cr. Somerville and Cr. Newstead left the meeting at 11:06am due to declaring a non-pecuniary disclosure of interest for Item 5 – Water Connection at Dakers Oval, Blayney, and Cr. Walker assumed the Chair.

05) WATER CONNECTION AT DAKERS OVAL BLAYNEY (WS.AG.1)

20/122 RESOLVED:

That Council:

1. Endorse the continued use of the NSW Water Directorate's guidelines for Section 64 Determinations of Equivalent Tenements when determining new water connections, and on that basis,
2. Decline the request from Blayney Shire Council for a reduction of the Equivalent Tenements water connection calculation for the proposed new public amenities block at Dakers Oval, Blayney.

(Cr. Durkin/Cr. Bembrick)

Proceedings in brief: Cr. Somerville and Cr. Newstead returned to the meeting at 11:12am.

06) DEMAND MANAGEMENT REPORT (WS.AG.1)

20/123 RESOLVED:

The Chair moved to defer consideration and endorsement of the draft Drought Management and Demand Management Plans to a later meeting to enable a thorough review of the Plans at a workshop.

(Cr. Somerville/Cr. Bembrick)

07) LAKE ROWLANDS AUGMENTATION PROJECT UPDATE (WS.SP.4)

20/124 RESOLVED:

That Council note the Lake Rowlands Augmentation project report.

(Cr. Newstead/Cr. Best)

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

20/125 RESOLVED:

That Council note the Council Resolutions Update Report to October 2020.

(Cr. Newstead/Cr. Walker)

09) FINANCIAL MATTERS (FM.BA.1)

20/126 RESOLVED:

That the information in relation to Council's investment as at 30 November 2020 be noted.

(Cr. Durkin/Cr. Newstead)

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

20/127 RESOLVED:

That the information in the report be noted.

(Cr. Best/Cr. Bembrick)

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

20/128 RESOLVED:

That the information be noted.

(Cr. Newstead/Cr. Bembrick)

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

20/129 RESOLVED:

That the information be noted.

(Cr. Bembrick/Cr. Best)

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

20/130 RESOLVED:

That the information be noted.

(Cr. Walker/Cr. Durkin)

14) QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

(General Manager)

No questions on notice were received.

**15) WATER LEAKAGE – ACCOUNT 20246000002 (CR.EQ.1)
GENERAL MANAGER’S CONTRACT (GO.CO.1)**

(General Manager)

20/131 RESOLVED:

That, as the matters deal with items that are subject to the affairs of an individual, 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, and Council proceed into Committee of the Whole to discuss the items referred to in the report.

(Cr. Walker/Cr. Newstead)

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

01) WATER LEAKAGE - ACCOUNT 20246000002(CR.EQ.1)

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council grant on a “one-off” basis a leakage allowance concession of 50% of the difference between the average 3 corresponding periods and water consumption for the September 2020 water account.

(Cr. Walker/Cr. Best)

02) GENERAL MANAGER’S CONTRACT (GO.CO.1)

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Chairman’s Minute, be accepted and the contents therein be noted and endorsed.

(Cr. Bembrick/Cr. Newstead)

16) REPORT TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

20/132 RESOLVED:

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

(Cr. Walker/Cr. Best)

17) LATE ITEM REPORT– ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND AUDITOR’S REPORT YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE 2020 (FM.FR.1)

20/133 RESOLVED:

That the 2019/20 Financial Statements and Auditor’s Reports be received.
(Cr. Best/Cr. Newstead)

18) LATE ITEM REPORT – BUDGET REVIEW STATEMENT – 30 SEPTEMBER 2020 (FM.FR.1)

20/134 RESOLVED:

That the budget review statement for the quarter ended 30 September 2020 be accepted, and the variations therein be voted.
(Cr. Bembrick/Cr. Walker)

Proceedings in brief: The Chairman, Cr. Somerville presented Robert Dixon with a certificate in recognition of his 40 years of dedicated service to Central Tablelands Water County Council.

Next Meeting: The next meeting of Central Tablelands Water will be held at the Blayney Water Filtration Plant Administration Building on 10 February 2021.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 12:43pm.