

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Central Tablelands Water held at the Darrell Sligar Centre, Blayney, on Wednesday, 15 February 2023, commencing at 10.38am.

Present

Cr. David Somervaille	(Chairperson)	Blayney
Cr. Paul Best		Weddin
Cr. Michelle Cook		Weddin
Cr. Allan Ewin		Blayney
Cr. Marlene Nash		Cabonne
Gavin Rhodes	(General Manager)	
Peter McFarlane	(Director Finance & Corporate Services)	
Noel Wellham	(Director Operations & Technical Services)	

4. APOLOGIES AND APPLICATIONS FOR A LEAVE OF ABSENCE BY MEMBERS

23/001 RESOLVED:

That a leave of absence be granted to Cr Andrew Rawson following receipt of an apology for non-attendance.

(Cr. Ewin/Cr. Nash)

5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

23/002 RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Central Tablelands Water, held on 15 December 2022, being minute numbers 22/091 to 22/111 inclusive, be confirmed.

(Cr. Ewin/Cr. Cook)

6. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Nil

7. DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS

Nil

8. PUBLIC FORUM

Nil

9. CHAIRPERSON'S MINUTES

Nil

10. COUNCILLOR REPRESENTATION

Cr. Rawson represented the CTW Board at the CTW Staff & Councillor BBQ held at the Canowindra Golf Club on 22 December 2022.

11. NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

Proceedings in brief: Cr. Best joined the meeting at 10.43am.

12. REPORTS OF STAFF**12.1) MEETING TIMES AND DATES (GO.CO.2)****23/003 RESOLVED:**

That Council hold its ordinary meetings for the next 12 months including a budget workshop on the following dates:

Council budget workshop	5 April 2023	Canowindra
Council meeting	26 April 2023	Grenfell
Council meeting	21 June 2023	Canowindra
Council meeting	16 August 2023	Blayney
Council meeting	18 October 2023	Grenfell
Council meeting	13 December 2023	Canowindra
Council meeting	21 February 2024	Blayney

(Cr. Ewin/Cr. Nash)

12.2) DELIVERY PROGRAM PROGRESS REPORT (FM.PL.1)**23/004 RESOLVED:**

That Council note the Delivery Program 2022-2026 progress report as at December 2022.

(Cr. Cook/Cr. Ewin)

12.3) BELUBULA WATER SECURITY PROJECT UPDATE (WS.SP.4)**MOTION:**

That Council note the Belubula Water Security project update report.

(Cr. Best/Cr. Nash)

An **AMENDMENT** was moved by Cr. Somervaille and seconded by Cr. Best:

That Council:

1. Note the Belubula Water Security Project (BWSP) update report, and
2. Review the BWSP Memorandum Of Understanding (MOU) for any updates or amendments in lieu of signing a Delivery Deed for augmentation construction.

The amendment became the substantive motion and was put.

23/005 RESOLVED:

That Council:

1. Note the Belubula Water Security Project (BWSP) update report, and
 2. Review the BWSP Memorandum Of Understanding (MOU) for any updates or amendments in lieu of signing a Delivery Deed for augmentation construction.
- (Cr. Best/Cr. Nash)

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

23/006 RESOLVED:

That Council note the Council Resolutions Update Report to December 2022.
(Cr. Cook/Cr. Nash)

12.5) FINANCIAL MATTERS - INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 31 JANUARY , 2023 (FM.BA.1)

23/007 RESOLVED:

That the information in relation to Council's Cash and Investments on 31 January, 2023 be noted.
(Cr. Cook/Cr. Best)

12.6) QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW STATEMENT - 31 DECEMBER 2022 (FM.FR.1)

23/008 RESOLVED:

That Council adopt the budget review statement for the quarter ended 31 December 2022 and the variations therein be voted.
(Cr. Ewin/Cr. Cook)

12.7) POLICY REVIEWS - DEBT COLLECTION AND INVESTMENTS (CM.ME.1)

23/009 RESOLVED:

That Council:

1. Note the report, and
 2. Endorse the draft Water Charges Debt Recovery and Investment Policies, and place on public display for a period of 28 days.
- (Cr. Cook/Cr. Nash)

12.8) AUDIT RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE (ARIC) (CM.AU.1)

23/010 RESOLVED:

1. That Council receive and note the Audit Risk and Improvement Committee Minutes of the meeting of 23 November 2022.
2. That Council receive and note the Office of Local Government Circular 22-41 dealing with the implementation of changes to the Risk Management and Internal Audit Framework.

(Cr. Nash/Cr. Best)

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

23/011 RESOLVED:

That Council note the information.

(Cr. Ewin/Cr. Best)

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

23/012 RESOLVED:

That Council note the information in the General Report.

(Cr. Best/Cr. Cook)

12.11) WATER SECURITY - DROUGHT IMPACT UPDATE (WS.AM.1)

23/013 RESOLVED:

That Council note the information in the report.

(Cr. Nash/Cr. Cook)

12.12) RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECTS UPDATE (ET.SP.2)

23/014 RESOLVED:

That Council note the update report for the renewable energy projects.

(Cr. Ewin/Cr. Cook)

13. QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

(General Manager)

No questions on notice were received.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

14. CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

23/015 RESOLVED:

That, as the 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. Cook/Cr. Best)

14.1) LEHMAN BROTHERS AUSTRALIA - UPDATE ON LIQUIDATION (FM.IN.1)

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2) (g) of the Local Government Act, as it deals with advice concerning litigation, or advice that would otherwise be privileged from production in legal proceedings on the ground of legal professional privilege.

23/016 RESOLVED:

That Council note the update on the Lehman Brothers Australia (LBA) Liquidation.

(Cr. Nash/Cr. Cook)

14.2) DEBT RECOVERY - WATER CHARGES - LEGAL ACTION (WS.FC.1)

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2) (b) of the Local Government Act, as it deals with the personal hardship of any resident or ratepayer.

23/017 RESOLVED:

That Council note the report outlining legal action taken in respect of debt recovery.

(Cr. Best/Cr. Nash)

23/018 RESOLVED:

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

(Cr. Cook/Cr. Nash)

AT THE RE-OPENING OF THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC, THE CHAIRPERSON ANNOUNCED THE OUTCOMES OF RESOLUTION NUMBERS 23/016 AND 23/017.

15. CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING

Next Meeting: The next meeting of Central Tablelands Water will be held at Grenfell on Wednesday, 26 April 2023 at 10.30am.

There being no further business, the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 12.20pm.