

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Central Tablelands Water held at Canowindra, on
Wednesday, 21 June 2023, commencing at 10.25am.**

Present

Cr. David Somervaille	(Chairperson)	Blayney
Cr. Paul Best		Weddin
Cr. Michelle Cook		Weddin
Cr. Marlene Nash		Cabonne
Cr. Andrew Rawson	(Deputy Chairperson)	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**23/035 RESOLVED:**

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

(Cr. Best/Cr. Nash)

5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**23/036 RESOLVED:**

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Central Tablelands Water, held on 26 April 2023, being minute numbers 23/019 to 23/034 inclusive, be confirmed.

(Cr. Rawson/Cr. Best)

6. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Proceedings in brief: Cr. Rawson requested that consideration be given to providing more detail regarding the level of discussion of agenda items.

The General Manager advised Council that the audio recording of the council meetings were made available on Council's website along with the business papers and minutes.

The Chairperson suggested that in future if councillors wanted to record any action on a business paper item beyond simply that the report be noted, that this be included in the resolution of council on that item.

No resolution was recorded regarding this discussion as it was considered a comment.

7. DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS

Nil

8. PUBLIC FORUM

Nil

9. CHAIRPERSON'S MINUTE

Nil

10. COUNCILLOR REPRESENTATION

Cr. Somervaille represented CTW at the following:

- CNSWJO Regional Water Security & Productive Water Portfolio Mayor & Sponsoring General Managers online meeting – 22 May 2023
- CNSWJO Board meeting – CSU Canberra – 24 May 2023
- CNSWJO Board Federal Ministerial Briefings – Parliament House Canberra – 25 May 2023
- CTW Councillor 12ML Reservoir Project online workshop – 1 June 2023
- Sub-Regional Town Water Strategy Steering Committee hybrid meeting – 9 June 2023

Cr. Ewin represented CTW at the following:

- CTW Councillor 12ML Reservoir Project online workshop – 1 June 2023

Cr. Rawson represented CTW at the following:

- CTW Councillor 12ML Reservoir Project online workshop – 1 June 2023

Cr. Nash represented CTW at the following:

- CTW Audit Risk & Improvement Committee (ARIC) meeting – Blayney – 18 May 2023
- CTW Councillor 12ML Reservoir Project online workshop – 1 June 2023

Cr. Cook represented CTW at the following:

- CTW Councillor 12ML Reservoir Project online workshop – 1 June 2023

Cr. Best represented CTW at the following:

- CTW Councillor 12ML Reservoir Project online workshop – 1 June 2023

11. NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

12. REPORTS OF STAFF

12.1) LOCAL GOVERNMENT REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL (GR.LR.4)

23/037 RESOLVED:

That Council endorse its policy of paying the maximum fees to the Chairperson and Members of Central Tablelands County Council, as determined by the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal for Category County Council – Water.

(Cr. Best/Cr. Nash)

12.2) CENTRAL NSW JOINT ORGANISATION BOARD MEETING HELD 24 MAY 2023 (CM.CF.3)

23/038 RESOLVED:

That Council:

1. receive and note the Mayoral Report (including Minutes) for the Central NSW Joint Organisation Board meeting held 24 May at Charles Sturt University, Canberra and the roundtable discussion with Federal Ministers and their representatives on 25 May 2023 at Parliament House, and
2. strongly endorses CTW's participation in the CNSWJO's Regional Water Loss Management Project.

(Cr. Rawson/Cr. Nash)

12.3) SUB-REGIONAL TOWN WATER STRATEGY UPDATE (WS.SP.4)

23/039 RESOLVED:

That Council note the update report of the Sub-Regional Town Water Strategy.

(Cr. Best/Cr. Nash)

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

23/040 RESOLVED:

That Council note the Council Resolutions Update Report to April 2023.

(Cr. Cook/Cr. Rawson)

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

23/041 RESOLVED:

That the information in relation to Council's Cash and Investments at 31 May 2023 be noted.

(Cr. Cook/Cr. Rawson)

12.6) QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW STATEMENT - 31 MARCH 2023 (FM.FR.1)

23/042 RESOLVED:

That Council adopt the budget review statement for the quarter ended 31 March 2023 and the variations therein be voted.

(Cr. Rawson/Cr. Cook)

12.7) INTEGRATED PLANNING & REPORTING REQUIREMENTS (GO.PR.1)**23/043 RESOLVED:**

That in accordance with Sections 402-406 of the Local Government Act 1993 and Clause 219 of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2005, and following the statutory period of 28 days of public exhibition, Council now resolve to adopt the following draft plans:

- a) Operational Plan 2023-24
- b) Long Term Financial Plan 2023-2033

(Cr. Rawson/Cr. Best)

12.8) 2023/24 OPERATIONAL PLAN - MAKING OF FEES AND CHARGES (FM.PL.1)**23/044 RESOLVED:**

1. That in accordance with Sections 501, 502, 503, 539, 541, and 552 of the Local Government Act 1993, Council make the following water charges for the 12 months commencing 1 July, 2023:

Water User Charges

Residential/ Rural	\$3.84 per kilolitre
Non Residential	\$3.84 per kilolitre
Industrial	\$3.84 per kilolitre
Non Potable Water	\$2.95 per kilolitre
Standpipe Sales	\$10.00 per kilolitre
Temporary Access Standpipe	\$5.72 per kilolitre
Automatic Filling Stations	\$8.50 per kilolitre
Bulk Water	\$2.31 per kilolitre

Water Availability Charges – Per Annum

20mm	\$272.00
25mm	\$425.00
32mm	\$697.00
40mm	\$1,088.00
50mm	\$1,700.00
80mm	\$4,352.00
100mm	\$6,800.00
Fire Service (Fire Use only)	\$272.00
Unconnected Built upon Properties	\$136.00
Developer Charge (per ET)	\$6,890.00
Capital Contribution Charge (per ET)	\$6,890.00

2. That in accordance with Section 566 of the Local Government Act 1993, Council charge interest on overdue water charges at a rate of 9.0% for the 12 month period commencing 1 July, 2023.
3. That all remaining fees and charges be made.

(Cr. Nash/Cr. Rawson)

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

23/045 RESOLVED:

1. That Council receive and note the Audit Risk and Improvement Committee Minutes of the meeting of 18 May 2023.
2. That Council await the finalisation of the draft internal Audit and Risk guidelines before developing an implementation plan for compliance.
3. That Council consult with Blayney Shire Council and Upper Macquarie County Council regarding the development of that implementation plan.
3. That Council await the issue of the final Audit and Risk guidelines before undertaking the payment of superannuation on behalf of Audit Risk and Improvement Committee Members.

(Cr. Nash/Cr. Best)

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

23/046 RESOLVED:

That Council note the information in the General Report.

(Cr. Nash/Cr. Rawson)

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

23/047 RESOLVED:

That Council note the information.

(Cr. Rawson/Cr. Cook)

Proceedings in brief: The following question without notice was received from Cr. Rawson during Report Item 12.11:

What are the current environmental flow rules for Lake Rowlands under CTW's current water access licence requirements?

The General Manager advised that the question would be taken on notice and report the response to the next meeting of Council.

Proceedings in brief: The following question without notice was received from Cr. Cook during Report Item 12.11:

What are the new Natural Resources Access Regulator (NRAR) metering compliance requirements for the current Caragabal Town Water Supply System, noting that requirements for the Southern Inland area were due to be implemented by 1 June 2023?

The Director Operations & Technical Services advised that although the current Caragabal Town Water Supply System was not the responsibility of CTW, he had made some enquiries regarding the new metering rules and dam safety requirements at Caragabal. The Director is awaiting further information to present to Council at a subsequent meeting.

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

23/048 RESOLVED:

That Council note the information in the report.

(Cr. Cook/Cr. Nash)

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

23/049 RESOLVED:

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

(Cr. Best/Cr. Cook)

13. QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

(General Manager)

Nil

14. CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING

Next Meeting: The next meeting of Central Tablelands Water will be held at Blayney on Wednesday, 16 August 2023 at 10.30am.

There being no further business, the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 12.30pm.