



**BLAND SHIRE COUNCIL**  
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# **Bland Shire Council**

## **Minutes**

### **Ordinary Council Meeting**

**28 June 2022**

CONFIRMED



# OUR VISION, MISSION AND VALUES



**ETHICAL DECISION MAKING AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**  
**A guiding checklist for Councillors, Officers and Advisory Committees**

**Ethical Decision Making**

- Is the decision or conduct legal?
- Is it consistent with Government policy, Council's objectives and Code of Conduct?
- What will the outcome be for you, your colleagues, the Council, anyone else?
- Does it raise a conflict of interest?
- Could your possible conflict of interest lead to private gain or loss at public expense?
- Can the decision be justified in terms of public interest?
- Would it withstand public scrutiny?

**Conflict of Interest**

- A conflict of interest is a clash between private interest and public duty. There are two types of conflict: Pecuniary – regulated by the Local Government Act and Office of Local Government and, Non-pecuniary – regulated by Codes of Conduct and policy. ICAC, Ombudsman, Office of Local Government (advice only).

**The test for conflict of interest**

- Is it likely I could be influenced by personal interest in carrying out my public duty?
- Would a fair and reasonable person believe I could be so influenced?
- Conflict of interest is closely tied to the layperson's definition of "corruption" – using public office for private gain.
- Important to consider public perceptions of whether you have a conflict of interest

**Identifying Problems**

1<sup>st</sup> - Do I have private interest affected by a matter I am officially involved in?

2<sup>nd</sup> - Is my official role one of influence or perceived influence over the matter?

3<sup>rd</sup> - Do my private interests conflict with my official role?

Whilst seeking advice is generally useful, the ultimate decision rests with the person concerned.

**Agency Advice**

Officers of the following agencies are available during office hours to discuss the obligations placed on Councillors, Officers and Advisory Committee members by various pieces of legislation, regulation and Codes.

Contact	Phone	Email	Website
Bland Shire Council	6972 2266	<a href="mailto:council@blandshire.nsw.gov.au">council@blandshire.nsw.gov.au</a>	<a href="http://www.blandshire.nsw.gov.au">www.blandshire.nsw.gov.au</a>
ICAC	8281 5999 Toll Free: 1800 463 909	<a href="mailto:icac@icac.nsw.gov.au">icac@icac.nsw.gov.au</a>	<a href="http://www.icac.nsw.gov.au">www.icac.nsw.gov.au</a>
Office of Local Government	4428 4100	<a href="mailto:olg@olg.nsw.gov.au">olg@olg.nsw.gov.au</a>	<a href="http://www.olg.nsw.gov.au">www.olg.nsw.gov.au</a>
NSW Ombudsman	9286 1000 Toll Free: 1800 451 524	<a href="mailto:nswombo@ombo.nsw.gov.au">nswombo@ombo.nsw.gov.au</a>	<a href="http://www.ombo.nsw.gov.au">www.ombo.nsw.gov.au</a>

28 June 2022

**commencing at 6:30PM**

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Council advises that an audio recording of the proceedings of this meeting were taken and are publicly available on the website.

## **1.0 OPENING MEETING AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

The meeting was opened by the Mayor with the welcome and introduction at 6.30pm.

## **2.0 APOLOGIES AND APPLICATIONS FOR A LEAVE OF ABSENCE BY COUNCILLORS**

### **2.1 Attendance**

#### **Councillors**

Cr Bruce Baker (arrived 6.32pm)

Cr Monica Clark

Cr Rodney Crowe

Cr Jill Funnell

Cr Kerry Keatley

Cr Tony Lord

Cr Liz McGlynn

Mayor Brian Monaghan

Cr Roger Moore

#### **Staff**

General Manager – Ray Smith

Director Technical Services – Will Marsh

Director Corporate & Community Services – Alison Balind

Executive Assistant – Julie Sharpe

### **2.2 Apologies**

Nil

### **2.3 Applications for a leave of absence by Councillors**

Nil

### 3.0 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

#### 3.1 Ordinary Meeting held on 17 May 2022

- Corrections - Nil
- Business Arising - Nil
- Confirmation

##### Recommendation:

**07062022 RESOLVED** on the motion of Cr Funnell seconded Cr Keatley that the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on 17 May 2022 be confirmed as a correct record of proceedings.

**CARRIED** Unanimously (Crs Clark, Crowe, Funnell, Keatley, Lord, McGlynn, Monaghan and Moore voting for)

#### 3.2 Extraordinary Meeting held on 15 June 2022

- Corrections - Nil
- Business Arising - Nil
- Confirmation

##### Recommendation:

**08062022 RESOLVED** on the motion of Cr Clark seconded Cr Moore that the minutes of the Extraordinary Council meeting held on 15 June 2022 be confirmed as a correct record of proceedings.

**CARRIED** Unanimously (Crs Clark, Crowe, Funnell, Keatley, Lord, McGlynn, Monaghan and Moore voting for)

### 4.0 DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS

Nil

### 5.0 MAYORAL MINUTE(S)

At this stage, 6.32pm Cr Baker arrived.

#### 5.1 Staff Presentations

The Mayor advised of a number of staff retirement presentations and invited the General Manager to assist with the individual presentations to Mrs Donna Smith for 12 years of service, Mr Will Marsh for 13 years of service and Mr Ray Smith for 12 years of service. The Mayor conveyed thanks to each staff member for their service to Council and the community and wished them well in their respective retirements.

## 5.2 Appointment of New General Manager

### Recommendation

**09062022 RESOLVED** on the motion of Cr McGlynn seconded Cr Funnell that the current employment contract with Mr. Ray Smith PSM be extended to 5 August 2022 at the revised remuneration level.

**CARRIED** Unanimously (Crs Baker, Clark, Crowe, Funnell, Keatley, Lord, McGlynn, Monaghan and Moore voting for)

## 6.0 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

### Recommendation:

**10062022 RESOLVED** on the motion of Cr Keatley seconded Cr Funnell that the Council receive and note the delegate and committee reports from Councillors and Committee meeting minutes as presented.

**CARRIED** Unanimously (Crs Baker, Clark, Crowe, Funnell, Keatley, Lord, McGlynn, Monaghan and Moore voting for)

### 6.1 NSW Association of Mining & Energy Related Councils (MERC)

Cr McGlynn provided an overview of the meeting and entitlements for VPAs for solar farms.

### 6.2 REROC

It was noted that recent advice was provided to REROC in relation to renewable energy zones across NSW and the requirements for establishment of projects within the zones. Bland Shire is not included in the NSW renewable energy zones and will lobby the local member to be included.

### 6.3 Goldenfields Water County Council

Cr McGlynn advised that GWCC have allocated additional funding and conveyed thanks to Council for their support with additional funds to the water security project.

## 7.0 REPORTS TO COUNCIL

# Section 1 – Corporate & Community Services

## 7.1 Finance and Investment Report for May 2022

### Recommendation:

**11062022 RESOLVED** on the motion of Cr Baker seconded Cr Keatley:

- 1. That Council receive and note the information contained within the Finance and Investment Report for the month of May 2022**
- 2. That Council confirms the payment of accounts, for the period 01 May to 31 May 2022, summarised in the accounts summary totalling \$8,604,786.91.**

**CARRIED** Unanimously (Crs Baker, Clark, Crowe, Funnell, Keatley, Lord, McGlynn, Monaghan and Moore voting for)

## 7.2 Riverina Regional Libraries Agreement

### Recommendation:

**12062022 RESOLVED** on the motion of Cr Clark seconded Cr Lord that Bland Shire Council:

- Endorses the 2022-2026 Deed of Agreement Between Coolamon Shire Council and the Councils of Bland, Cootamundra-Gundagai, Federation, Greater Hume, Junee, Leeton, Lockhart, Snowy Valleys and Temora for the Provision of Library and Information Services.**
- Authorises the Mayor and General Manager to sign the Deed of Agreement as representatives of Bland Shire Council and, upon signing, affix Council's Common Seal.**

**CARRIED** Unanimously (Crs Baker, Clark, Crowe, Funnell, Keatley, Lord, McGlynn, Monaghan and Moore voting for)

## 7.3 Adoption of the IP&R Documentation and 2022-2023 Revenue Policy

### Recommendation:

**13062022 RESOLVED** on the motion of Cr Lord seconded Cr Funnell that Bland Shire Council adopts:

- The revised Operational Plan (including Budget) for the 2022/2023 Financial Year;**
- The Revenue Policy (including Schedule of Fees and Charges) for the 2022/2023 Financial Year); and**
- The Resourcing Strategy (Parts A, B, C & D)**

**CARRIED** Unanimously (Crs Baker, Clark, Crowe, Funnell, Keatley, Lord, McGlynn, Monaghan and Moore voting for)

## Section 2 – Technical Services

### 7.4 Endorsement of Draft Council Policies

**Recommendation:**

**14062022 RESOLVED** on the motion of Cr Moore seconded Cr Crowe:

- 1. That Council endorses the Draft Open Space/Sporting Facilities – Commercial Health & Fitness Providers Policy and Draft Tree Management Policy and places both on public exhibition for a period of 28 days from Friday 1 July 2022 for community comment.**
- 2. That should there be comment from the community on the Draft policies, a further report be prepared and presented to Council.**
- 3. That should there be no comment from the community within the 42 day commentary period, Council formally adopt the policies.**

**CARRIED** Unanimously (Crs Baker, Clark, Crowe, Funnell, Keatley, Lord, McGlynn, Monaghan and Moore voting for)

### 7.5 Barmedman Community Centre

**Recommendation:**

**15062022 RESOLVED** on the motion of Cr McGlynn seconded Cr Keatley:

- 1. That Bland Shire Council disband the Barmedman Community Centre s355 committee**
- 2. That Bland Shire Council, if the current Centre controllers are agreeable, help them to establish an independent incorporated committee for the Centre.**

**CARRIED** Unanimously (Crs Baker, Clark, Crowe, Funnell, Keatley, Lord, McGlynn, Monaghan and Moore voting for)



## 7.6 Bootoowa Road

**Recommendation:**

**16062022 RESOLVED** on the motion of Cr McGlynn seconded Cr Crowe:

1. That Bland Shire Council apply for a grant of \$4,600,000 to reconstruct Bootoowa Road at the next available appropriate opportunity (in particular the Fixing Local and Fixing Country Road grants).
2. That Bland Shire Council write to the State and Federal members requesting them to consider special funding for these works.

**CARRIED** Unanimously (Crs Baker, Clark, Crowe, Funnell, Keatley, Lord, McGlynn, Monaghan and Moore voting for)

## 7.7 Roads Program 2022-2023

**Recommendation:**

**17062022 RESOLVED** on the motion of Cr Moore seconded Cr McGlynn that Bland Shire Council adopt the attached 2022 – 2023 road works construction/maintenance program with the understanding that the work may be changed by the Director Technical Services due to factors such as changing priorities, changing income, cost, and the weather.

**CARRIED** Unanimously (Crs Baker, Clark, Crowe, Funnell, Keatley, Lord, McGlynn, Monaghan and Moore voting for)

## Section 3 – Reports for Information

### Recommendation:

**18062022** RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Baker seconded Cr Funnell that the following reports, provided for information only, be received and noted:

- 7.8 - Economic Development & Tourism Report – June 2022
- 7.9 - Community Services Report
- 7.10 - Bland Shire Library Monthly Update
- 7.11 - Children Services May Update
- 7.11 - Bland Community Care Services Update
- 7.12 - Technical Services Report
- 7.13 - Development Services Activity Report – May 2022

**CARRIED** Unanimously (Crs Baker, Clark, Crowe, Funnell, Keatley, Lord, McGlynn, Monaghan and Moore voting for)

### 8.0 NOTICES OF MOTIONS / QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

Nil

### 9.0 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

Nil

### 10.0 CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING

There being no further business the meeting then closed at 7.19pm.

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Chairperson  
Mayor Brian Monaghan