



BLAND SHIRE COUNCIL
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Bland Shire Council

Minutes

15 April 2014



OUR VISION, MISSION AND VALUES



MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF BLAND HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS WEST WYALONG ON TUESDAY 15 APRIL 2014

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MAYOR



MINUTES
COUNCIL MEETING
15 APRIL 2014

1.0 INTRODUCTION

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

2.0 ATTENDANCE

2.1 Councillors

Cr P Grellman
Cr L Hampton
Cr K Keatley
Cr T Lord
Cr L McGlynn
Cr B Monaghan
Cr L Pike
Cr N Pokoney
Cr P Templeton

2.2 Staff

General Manager – Ray Smith
Director Asset & Engineering Services – Will Marsh
Executive Assistant – Julie Sharpe
Personal Assistant – Carissa Burge

2.3 Apologies

Mrs Adele Casey - Director Corporate, Community & Development Services

3.0 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

3.1 Ordinary Meeting held on 18 March 2014

▪ **Confirmation**

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on 18 March 2014 be confirmed as a correct record of proceedings.

Council Recommendation:

02042014 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Grellman seconded Cr McGlynn that the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on 18 March 2014 be confirmed as a correct record of proceedings. CARRIED

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- **Corrections**
Cr Lord requested an amendment to the Questions & Statements section of the minutes to include the statement from Cr McGlynn in relation to the Aussie Home Loans Report.

“Cr McGlynn noted a recent article in the Advocate and the release of the study by RP Data and that West Wyalong was rated at 36, ahead of Temora at 79”

- **Business Arising - Nil**

3.2 Extraordinary Meeting held on 1 April 2014

- **Confirmation**
That the minutes of the Extraordinary Council meeting held on 1 April 2014 be confirmed as a correct record of proceedings.

Council Recommendation:

03042014 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Grellman seconded Cr Keatley that the minutes of the Extraordinary Council meeting held on 1 April 2014 be confirmed as a correct record of proceedings. CARRIED

- **Corrections - Nil**
- **Business Arising - Nil**

4.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor/Officer	Item	Nature of Interest
Cr Pike	9.6 - Request for Extended Aerodrome Hanger Lease	Pecuniary

5.0 PUBLIC FORUM

5.1 Mr Andrew Bartlett – Proposed New Multi Purpose Facility

Mr Bartlett addressed Council in support of the proposed new Multi Purpose Facility at Park Street.

5.2 Mr Stuart Hood – Proposed New Multi Purpose Facility

Mr Hood addressed Council in support of the proposed new Multi Purpose Facility at Park Street.

5.3 Mr Andrew Buttenshaw – Visitor Information Centre

Mr Buttenshaw addressed Council in relation to visitor information centre and services.

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5.4 Mrs Louise Preston – Proposed New Multi Purpose Facility

Mrs Preston addressed Council with a number of questions in relation to the proposed new Multi Purpose Facility at Park Street.

5.5 Mr Merv Penny – Proposed New Multi Purpose Facility

Mr Penny addressed Council in opposition to the proposed new Multi Purpose Facility and in support of the refurbishment of the existing site.

5.6 Mr Malcolm Carnegie – Visitor Information Centre and Proposed New Multi Purpose Facility

Mr Carnegie addressed Council in relation to visitor information centre and services and the proposed new Multi Purpose Facility.

6.0 MAYORAL MINUTE

I would express my disappointment at recent reports by the Advocate in relation to the current “Draft Budget” decisions and the processes Council has used.

In the Advocate of April 4th the headline “\$5.4 million 11th Hour addition to Draft budget for new stadium” I believe is misleading and an insult to Council as it implies an urgency, haste and desire by Council to hide facts.

The decision to have the Extraordinary Meeting on April 1 was in fact based on Council’s desire to make public as early as possible the intention to include this major community infrastructure item in the 2014/15 Budget. Therefore two additional weeks have been provided to the community to consider this item. The headline used by the Advocate was therefore by way of fact incorrect.

In the Advocate of the same date it is reported, “Council were presented with two options but chose to go with the Greenfield site (as pictured below) of a complete facility”. Councillors were presented with seven options to consider, not two as reported.

There is this myth being perpetuated throughout our community that the Council chose to spend \$5.4 M on an option that was the same as the \$2.4 M option. I can only conclude that Cr Lord’s statement to the press that “The end result would give us an updated stadium with three courts, exactly the same as a new stadium would give us and at less than half the cost” has created this perception and confusion. I can understand how the community can be confused. The \$2.4 M option does not offer three indoor courts, nor does it provide the 260 sq metres of internal facilities and additions needed.

It is important that the facts are provided so the community can make an informed decision. I am disappointed to see petitions in the very businesses that will be the beneficiaries of this Targeted Tourism proposal. When I asked one of the opposers to this proposal, What would you do for the future of West Wyalong? He replied “West Wyalong doesn’t have a future. I’d just fix up what we’ve got.” I refuse to accept this and on behalf of the community I will continue to promote this proposal and Tourism strategy vigorously over the next four weeks. In my fifteen years on Council I have not been given an alternate idea/proposal that goes anywhere near to providing the scope of return to both our Business sector and community that this proposal offers.

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7.0 NOTICES OF MOTION
Nil

8.0 DELEGATES & ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS

SECTION 1 – DELEGATES & ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council Recommendation:

04042014 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr McGlynn seconded Cr Hampton that the Council receive and note the delegate and advisory committee reports from Councillors and Advisory Committee meeting minutes as presented. **CARRIED**

9.0 STAFF REPORTS

That the Council receive the staff reports.

SECTION 2 – OFFICE OF THE GENERAL MANAGER

9.1 Monthly Status Report

Council Recommendation:

05042014 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Hampton seconded Cr Grellman that the information contained in the April 2014 monthly status report be received and noted. **CARRIED**

9.2 Council's Capital Expenditure Projects 2013/14

Council Recommendation:

06042014 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Keatley seconded Cr McGlynn that the information detailing the progress of Council's 2013 / 2014 capital expenditure projects, as at 19 March 2014 be received and noted. **CARRIED**

9.3 Declaration of Gifts & Benefits

Council Recommendation:

07042014 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Grellman seconded Cr Lord that Council receive and note the attached procedure and process chart for the declaration of all and any, gifts and benefits, offered to Council officials. CARRIED

9.4 Integrated Planning And Reporting Framework – Adoption Of Draft Documents

Discussions were held in relation to the proposed inclusion for a Multi Purpose Facility in the draft 2014/15 Budget and the processes and options available.

Council Recommendation:

08042014 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Lord seconded Cr Monaghan that the motion (01042014) regarding the proposed new multipurpose facility passed at the extraordinary meeting on 1st April 2014 be rescinded. CARRIED

Council Recommendation:

09042014 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr McGlynn seconded Cr Hampton that:

- 1. Council resolve to include in the 2014/15 draft budget up to \$5.4M for the purpose of providing new or refurbished indoor sporting facilities and that the General Manager confer with Council’s auditor on the most sustainable option for funding such a project.**
- 2. Council meet with the multipurpose facility user group to further develop a draft concept design. CARRIED**

At this stage, 7.53pm, formal meeting proceedings were suspended and the Mayor conveyed thanks to Leeton Shire Council representatives. Leeton Shire Mayor, Cr Maytom thanked Councillors and staff for their hospitality, the opportunity and tour of the parks and recreation facilities and attendance at the Council meeting.

Council Recommendation:

10042014 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr McGlynn seconded Cr Templeton that the following DRAFT documentation be placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days, commencing 16 April 2014, in accordance with the legislative requirements of the Local Government Act 1993:

- **Community Strategic Plan 2012-2023**
- **Delivery Program 2013 - 2016**
- **Operational Plan 2014/15, including Budget & Revenue Policy 2014/15**
- **Long Term Financial Plan 2014/15**
- **Workforce Assessment Plan & Strategy 2014-2018**
- **Asset Management Plan 2014. CARRIED**

Council Recommendation:

11042014 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr McGlynn seconded Cr Keatley that all public comments, submissions and input from staff and councillors be provided to the Council meeting scheduled for 20 May 2014. **CARRIED**

Council Recommendation:

12042014 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Templeton seconded Cr Hampton that all staff involved in the preparation of these documents be congratulated for a job “well done”. **CARRIED**

Council Recommendation:

13042014 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr McGlynn seconded Cr Grellman that council take no further action in relation to the calling of Expressions of Interest to run a Visitor Information Centre. **CARRIED**

Council Recommendation:

14042014 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Grellman seconded Cr McGlynn that council decline the request for funding to undertake a Visitor Information Study. **CARRIED**

9.5 Employee's Council Agreement - 2014

Council Recommendation:

15042014 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Lord seconded Cr Grellman:

- 1. That Councillors provide feedback to the General Manager on the proposed additions and deletions for the proposed Employee's Council Agreement for 2014 – 2017 by no later than 30 April 2014.**
- 2. That the General Manager provide a separate report to the May meeting of Council in respect to the introduction of a 9 day fortnight for all indoor staff.**
- 3. That the General Manager, after final consultation with the relevant Unions, provide a 'draft' Employee's Council Agreement to the May meeting of Council for further consideration.**
- 4. That the Employee's Council Agreement for 2014-2017 be referred to the Office of Local Government for comment. CARRIED**

At this stage, 8.05pm, Cr Pike left the meeting.

9.6 Request For Extended Aerodrome Hanger Lease

Council Recommendation:

16042014 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Lord seconded Cr Keatley that Council agree to grant leases for aircraft hangars at the West Wyalong Aerodrome for a period of 25 + 10 + 10 years upon receipt of written requests and those requests are reported to council for determination. CARRIED

Council Recommendation:

17042014 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Lord seconded Cr Monaghan:

- 1. That Doctor (Councillor) Lincoln Pike be granted a 25 + 10 + 10 year lease, on part of Lot 2 DP 608408, shown as space 2 on the draft concept plan, for use as an aircraft hangar;**
- 2. That the lease fee commences at \$200.00 per annum and is subject to annual CPI increases:**
- 3. That there be a provision in the lease that any request to sub lease be determined by Council;**
- 4. That there be a further provision in the lease that requires the lessee to construct a hangar within an 18 month period from the commencement of the lease;**
- 5. That the General Manager be authorised to execute the necessary lease documents on behalf of council. CARRIED**

Council Recommendation:

18042014 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Templeton seconded Cr Grellman that all other existing aircraft hanger lessees be advised of the option to extend their current leases to a 25 year period subject to the same conditions outlined above. CARRIED

At this stage, 8.15pm, Cr Pike returned to the meeting.

9.7 TAFE Riverina Names Bland Shire Council As Employer Of The Year

Council Recommendation:

19042014 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr McGlynn seconded Cr Keatley:

- 1. That Council's award, from the Riverina Institute of TAFE, for Employer of the Year, be received with appreciation and that Council staff, in particular the Human Resources staff, be congratulated on a great achievement.**
- 2. That Miss Tiarna Robertson also be congratulated on her Award as the Outstanding Student for 2013. CARRIED**

9.8 Bland – Temora NSW Rural Fire Service - Draft Estimates 2014/15

Council Recommendation:

20042014 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Grellman seconded Cr Lord that the draft estimates for the 2014/2015 financial period relating to the Bland – Temora RFS Zone, showing a small reduction in council’s contribution, be approved in principle. **CARRIED**

9.9 Bland Shire 125th Anniversary Report

Council Recommendation:

21042014 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Lord seconded Cr Pike that the Bland Shire start the scoping, planning and costing to hold a 125th Anniversary in 2019. **CARRIED**

9.10 Bland Shire Council Committee Communication Report

Council Recommendation:

PROPOSED on the motion of Cr Lord seconded Cr Monaghan that each of the community advisory committees of the Bland Shire produce a quarterly report to be circulated to each of the committees to improve communication and reduce the potential for duplication of projects and information.

On being put to the vote the motion was LOST (4/5)

SECTION 3 – CORPORATE, COMMUNITY & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

9.11 Financial Statements – March 2014

Council Recommendation:

22042014 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Grellman seconded Cr Templeton:

- 1. That Council receive and note the statement of Bank Balances, Rates Collections and Investments for the month of March, 2014.**
- 2. That Council confirms the payment of accounts, for the period 24 February 2014 to 31 March 2014, summarised in the accounts summary totalling \$5,158,192.97. CARRIED**

9.12 Making Of Sewer And Waste Charges 2014/15

Council Recommendation:

23042014 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr McGlynn seconded Cr Templeton that the Council makes the Sewer and Waste charges for the year 2014/2015 for inclusion in the 2014/15 Budget. CARRIED

Council Recommendation:

24042014 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr McGlynn seconded Cr Templeton:

SEWER SPECIAL RATE

It is hereby RECOMMENDED that a Sewerage Special Rate be now made for the year commencing on 1st July 2014 subject to a minimum amount of six hundred and Sixty nine dollars (\$669.00) excepting any assessment in respect of the land not built upon nor connected to sewer mains in which case the minimum amount shall be, one hundred and fifty six dollars (\$156.00) and that the charge to be made for non-rateable land provided with sewerage services shall be:

- (a) Land defined in Clause 184(1) of former Ordinance 46 under the Local Government Act 1919- \$135.00 for each water closet on the premises and \$70.00 per annum for each cistern serving any urinal on the premises.**
- (b) Land defined in Clause 184(2) of former Ordinance 46 under the Local Government Act 1919- \$135.00 for each water closet on the premises and \$70.00 per annum for each cistern serving any urinal on the premises. CARRIED**

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Council Recommendation:

25042014 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr McGlynn seconded Cr Keatley:

DOMESTIC WASTE MANGEMENT CHARGE

THAT a Domestic Waste Management Charge be now made in respect of Residential premises within the area of the Council of Bland where a domestic waste management services is available, as follows:

(a) Land, which is occupied and/or built upon-

Standard 240L domestic service:

<i>Barmedman</i>	<i>\$ 314.00</i>
<i>Ungarie</i>	<i>\$ 314.00</i>
<i>West Wyalong/Wyalong</i>	<i>\$ 314.00</i>
<i>Weethalle</i>	<i>\$ 314.00</i>
<i>plus \$314 per extra collection.</i>	

Standard 120L Domestic Service

<i>West Wyalong/Wyalong</i>	<i>\$255.00</i>
<i>Ungarie</i>	<i>\$255.00</i>
<i>Barmedman</i>	<i>\$255.00</i>
<i>Weethalle</i>	<i>\$255.00</i>
<i>plus \$255 per extra collection.</i>	

(b) Vacant Land able to be built upon ***\$26.00.*** ***CARRIED***

Council Recommendation:

26042014 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr McGlynn seconded Cr Keatley:

TRADE WASTE SERVICE CHARGE

THAT an annual charge be made on land categorised as Business Land within the area of the Council of Bland and which is provided by Council with a trade waste removal service as follows:

Standard 240L Collections

West Wyalong/Wyalong	\$326.00
Ungarie	\$326.00
Barmedman	\$326.00
Weethalle	\$326.00
plus \$326.00 per extra collection	

Standard 120L Collections

West Wyalong/Wyalong	\$266.00
Ungarie	\$266.00
Barmedman	\$266.00
Weethalle	\$266.00
plus \$266.00 per extra collection.	CARRIED

Council Recommendation:

27042014 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Pike seconded Cr Grellman:

Annual Waste Management Charge

A charge of \$26.00 per property will apply to all properties not within a serviced area for the DWMS, under Section 501 of the Local Government Act. CARRIED

9.13 Volunteering – Timebanking Trial

Council Recommendation:

28042014 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Keatley seconded Cr Pike that Council confirm its participation in the NSW State Government's 2014 Timebanking trial. **CARRIED**

9.14 Community Groups Assistance Grant – West Wyalong Camp Draft Association

Council Recommendation:

29042014 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Hampton seconded Cr Grellman that Council approve a Community Groups Assistance grant of \$2265 for the West Wyalong Camp draft association to assist with the cost of running a charity camp draft event. CARRIED

9.15 Community Groups Assistance Grant – Tallimba Public Hall

Council Recommendation:

30042014 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr McGlynn seconded Cr Grellman that Council approve a Community Groups Assistance grant of \$900 for Tallimba Public Hall to assist with the purchase of 50 new chairs. CARRIED

9.16 Access Incentive Grant – Weethalle Country Club

Council Recommendation:

31042014 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Grellman seconded Cr Templeton:

- 1. That Council approve an Access Incentive Grant application from the Weethalle Country Club for \$4000 towards the purchase and installation of automatic doors.**
- 2. That the funds for the project be sourced from the Strengthening Communities fund. CARRIED**

9.17 Local Approvals Policy 2014

Council Recommendation:

32042014 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Grellman seconded Cr McGlynn that Council;

- a. Adopt the Bland Shire Local Approvals Policy.**
- b. In accordance with section 162 of the Local government Act 1993, write to the Director General of the Division of Local Government seeking approval for exempt provisions within the policy.**
- c. Give public notice of adoption of the Bland Shire Local Approvals Policy on receipt of approval for the exemptions from the Director General of the Division of Local Government. CARRIED**

SECTION 4 – REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

Council Recommendation:

33042014 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Templeton seconded Cr Keatley that the following reports, provided for information only, be received and noted:

- **9.18 - Engineering Services Report**
- **9.19 – Community Services Report**
- **9.20 – Bland Shire Library Monthly Update**
- **9.21 – Children Services Monthly Update**
- **9.22 – Development Statistics – March 2014**
- **9.23 – Ranger Activities. CARRIED**

10.0 URGENT BUSINESS WITHOUT NOTICE

Nil

11.0 QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS

Cr Grellman

- Expressed his disappointment at the recent accusations in relation to the proposed Multi Purpose Facility

Cr Hampton

- Stated that she is highly insulted by the recent comments in relation to the proposed Multi Purpose Facility and addressed the issues raised through the media and social networks
- Suggested that the Chairpersons of Council's community advisory committees meet regularly to discuss plans and projects
- Suggested that the Visitor Economy & Tourism Advisory Committee be restructured and consideration be given to a Committee of the Whole

Cr Pike

- Stated that the public opinion on the proposed Multi Purpose Facility is clear and the press are not at fault, either option will meet the needs of the community and refurbishment is financially responsible
- Advised of complaints from parents regarding a petition at the High School supporting the proposed Multi Purpose Facility

Cr Keatley

- Agreed with the comments of Cr Hampton in relation to the proposed Multi Purpose Facility. The decision will need to be made with a long term view and consideration of location, threat of council amalgamations and opportunities to secure funding
- Acknowledged the attendance of representatives from Leeton Shire Council and expressed a desire to attend a Council meeting of another local government authority
- Advised that gravel on Alkaville Road is making it difficult to move machinery and equipment

Cr Lord

- Advised that further information and relevant documentation is required to enable a fully informed decision to be made on the proposal Multi Purpose Facility
- Suggested that the annual Budget Workshop be open to the public and media

Cr McGlynn

- Stated that she supports free press, has passion for the community, respect for those with different opinions and is prepared to hear all points of view.
- Stated that no decisions or voting is conducted outside of Council meetings, sessions for information and discussions only
- Congratulated Cr Hampton on her statement in relation to the proposed Multi Purpose Facility
- Congratulated Mr Marsh for his efforts and contributions at the recent Grain Harvest meeting

Cr Templeton

- Congratulated Council for their recognition as the TAFE Riverina Institute Award winner for 2014 Employer of the Year
- Acknowledged the attendance of the community in the public gallery

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Cr Pokoney

- Highlighted the Message from the General Manager in the Draft Operational Plan
- Acknowledged queries in relation to the proposed Multi Purpose Facility including Mining Rates income, Park Street land, social media, public submissions and weight of information provided to reach a decision
- Suggested Council revisit the concept of parking restriction enforcement

12.0 CLOSURE OF THE MEETING TO DISCUSS CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 10A(2) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT

Council Recommendation:

34042014 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Grellman seconded Cr Hampton that Council close the Ordinary meeting of Council to discuss confidential business under the provisions of Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act. CARRIED

The meeting then closed at 9.16pm.

12.1 Swimming Pool Contract

Local Government Act (Section 10A(2)(d)(i))

The matters and information are commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

12.2 Winning, Blasting And Crushing Contract

Local Government Act (Section 10A(2)(d)(i))

The matters and information are commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

13.0 RESUMPTION OF THE MEETING AND CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CLOSED SECTION OF THE MEETING

Council Recommendation:

37042014 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Hampton seconded Cr McGlynn that Council move out of closed Council and into open Council. CARRIED

The meeting then resumed at 9.24pm.

12.1 Swimming Pool Contract

Council Recommendation:

35042014 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Grellman seconded Cr McGlynn:

- 1. That the current contract with L&R Group be extended for four years with a two year option.**
- 2. That the starting fee for 2014/2015 be \$132,000+GST and this be extend annually by the standard CPI for the life of the extended contract.**
- 3. That the extended contract be on the same terms as the original contract plus any additional agreements made since. CARRIED**

12.2 Winning, Blasting And Crushing Contract

Council Recommendation:

36042014 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Grellman seconded Cr McGlynn:

- 1. That Bland Shire Council grant Miller's Metals request of a further extension to the Winning, Blasting and Crushing Contract to cover the 2014 – 2015 financial year.**
- 2. That Council give the authority to the Director Asset and Engineering Services to extend the Winning, Blasting and Crushing Contract to cover the 2015 – 2016 financial year, as long as the proposed gravel production for that financial year does not exceed the original Contract guide. CARRIED**

14.0 CLOSE OF THE MEETING

There being no further business the meeting then closed at 9.25pm.

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Chairperson

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