



BLAND SHIRE COUNCIL
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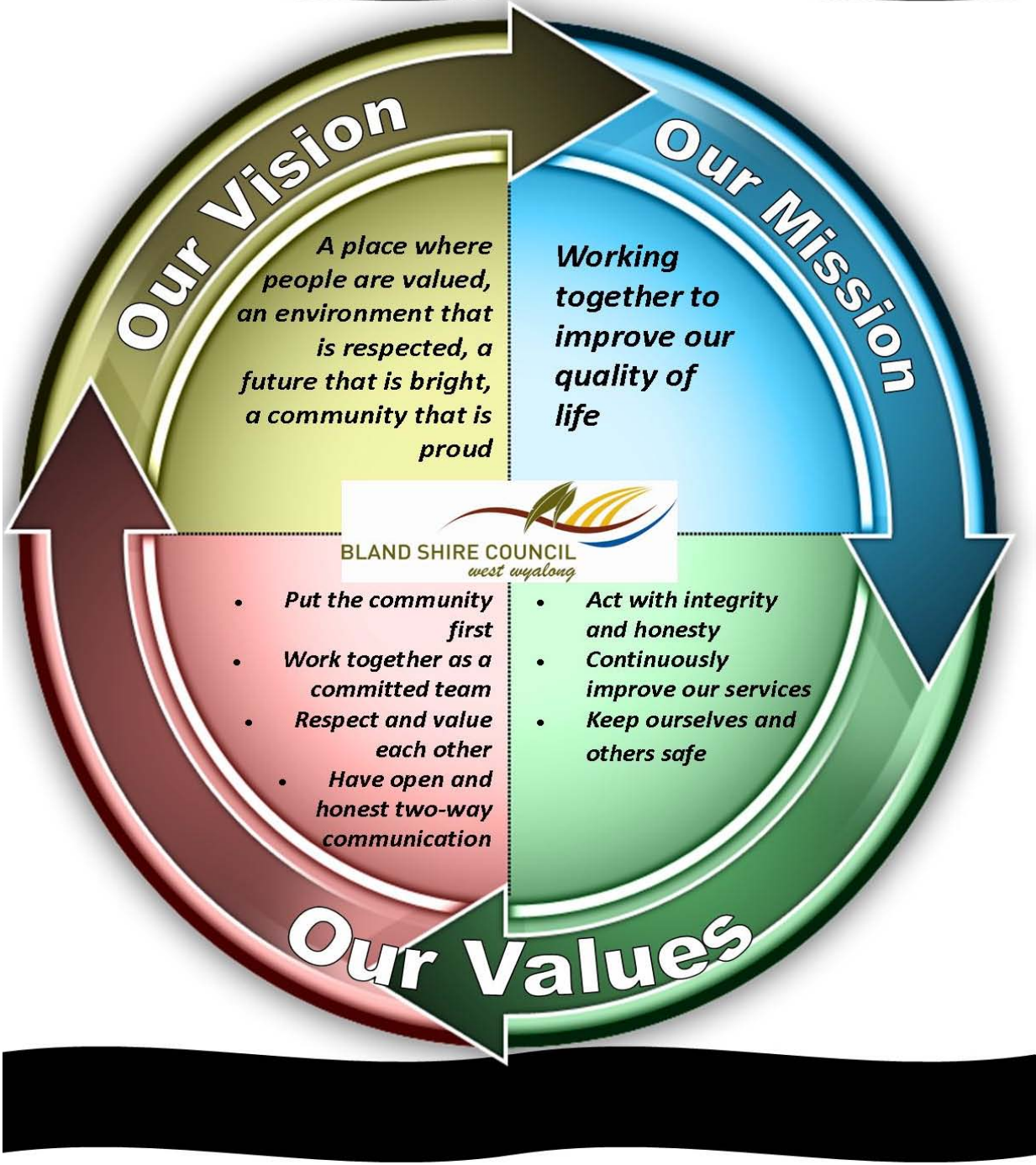
Bland Shire Council

Minutes

18 February 2014



OUR VISION, MISSION AND VALUES





MINUTES
COUNCIL MEETING
18 FEBRURY 2014

The meeting was opened by the Mayor at 6.31pm.

1.0 PRAYER

Representatives from the Ministers Association led Council in the annual Prayer session.

2.0 INTRODUCTION

Let us acknowledge the Wiradjuri people, their elders past and present, traditional custodians of the land we now share.

Let us be inspired by the resilience, innovation and perseverance of past generations.

Let us honour those who protect this great land,

May you draw strength from your God or Faith

So that we may, here today, on behalf of our community,- build a vibrant future together.

("Pause for Reflection").

3.0 ATTENDANCE

3.1 Councillors

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

3.2 Staff

General Manager – Ray Smith
Director Asset & Engineering Services – Will Marsh
Director Corporate, Community & Development Services – Adele Casey
Executive Assistant – Julie Sharpe

3.3 Apologies

Cr L Pike

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF BLAND HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS WEST WYALONG ON TUESDAY 18 FEBRUARY 2014

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MAYOR

4.0 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

4.1 Ordinary Meeting held on 3 December 2013

- **Confirmation**

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on 3 December 2013 be confirmed as a correct record of proceedings.

Council Recommendation:

01022014 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Grellman seconded Cr Keatley that the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on 3 December 2013 be confirmed as a correct record of proceedings. CARRIED

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

4.2 Australia Day Awards Committee Meeting held on 17 December 2013

- **Confirmation**

That the minutes of the Australia Day Awards Committee meeting held on 17 December 2013 be confirmed as a correct record of proceedings.

Council Recommendation:

02022014 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Hampton seconded Cr McGlynn that the minutes of the Australia Day Awards Committee meeting held on 17 December 2013 be confirmed as a correct record of proceedings. CARRIED

- **Corrections - Nil**
- **Business Arising – Council requested that thanks be conveyed to staff.**

5.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor/Officer	Item	Nature of Interest
Cr McGlynn	10.3 – Events West Wyalong – Request for Financial Assistance, Festival – Mexico in the West	Non-Pecuniary

6.0 **PUBLIC FORUM**

6.1 **Mrs Wendy Seaman – Author Dymphna Cusack**

Mrs Seaman addressed Council in relation to author Dymphna Cusack who was born in Wyalong on 21 September 1902. She believes that the recent increased arts profile within our community creates an opportunity to promote Dymphna Cusack and her birthplace. Mrs Seaman provided an overview of Ms Cusack and her works.

6.2 **Mr Andrew Buttenshaw – Working together for the benefit of tourism and for the Bland Shire**

Mr Buttenshaw addressed Council in relation to a range of suggested tourism initiatives and expressed his disappointment that the discussion paper and recommendations therein were not made available to the public. He stated that he was happy to see the tourism profile being raised within our community and expressed the need to work together. Mr Buttenshaw requested a public forum be held to enable everyone to have their say and develop appropriate solutions together that will be carried forward by the community and Council.

7.0 **MAYORAL MINUTE**

In this month’s LG Focus, the Local Government sector magazine covering Australia, there is an article relating to the new powers being given to Mayors in Victoria to help them contain unruly behaviour from Councillors. Far from making any inference that such an issue exists within our Council I would still like to refer to a number of paragraphs contained in the article because I believe they are relevant to us all.

The Minister said “Council meetings are for important discussion and decision making and cannot afford to be marred by inappropriate Councillor behaviour. In the past some Councillors have thought they can get away with unruly, disrespectful and inappropriate behaviour during Council meetings – this must stop.”

“The Minister said Councillors must lead by example acting with respect and integrity, in a way that encourages public confidence in the office of Councillor.

I believe the article is a timely reminder to us all as Councillors, that what we do and the way we go about doing it, is always under scrutiny particularly in the context of our small community in Bland. This applies not only to our conduct during formal Council meetings but also to our involvement in activities and interactions with our community. What we do and what we say in the community is also very relevant to our Councillor role. What we do and say in the community can reflect not only on you as an individual Councillor but also on your fellow Councillors as a group.

We are facing a period of new challenges and opportunities for our Shire. A lot of work has already been done that places our Council in a position of strength to face the future. Past consultations, discussions and decisions have produced the Plans and Strategies we have available to use as valuable resources today. It has been stated and acknowledged that these documents are “living documents” They have the flexibility to change with the changing nature and expectations of our community. We will continue to work to achieve success.

I concur fully with the sentiments of the Minister that Councillors *must* lead by example acting with respect and integrity, in a way that encourages public confidence in the office of Councillor. I hope we have the courage and commitment to do so.

I believe this is a fair and reasonable expectation for us all.

Thank You
Cr N Pokoney
Mayor

8.0 NOTICES OF MOTION

8.1 Mobile Grandstand, Mayor Pokoney

Council Recommendation:

03022014 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr McGlynn seconded Cr Keatley that Council obtain quotes on a mobile Grandstand for consideration in the 2014/15 Budget estimates. CARRIED

8.2 Tourism in Bland Shire (Discussion Paper), Mayor Pokoney

Council Recommendation:

04022014 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr McGlynn seconded Cr Grellman that the recommendations contained within the Discussion Paper be referred to the Economic Development Committee. CARRIED

8.3 Major Repairs to Naradhan Community Hall, Mayor Pokoney

Council Recommendation:

05022014 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Templeton seconded Cr Grellman that Council provide up to \$18,000 from the Strengthening Communities Grant Program for the major repairs required at Naradhan Community Hall. CARRIED

SECTION 1 – DELEGATES & ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS

Section 1 – Delegates & Advisory Committee Reports & Minutes *(for information)*

Council Recommendation:

06022014 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Grellman seconded Cr Templeton that the Council receive and note the delegate and advisory committee reports from Councillors and Advisory Committee meeting minutes as presented. CARRIED

9.1 Access Advisory Committee

Cr Grellman advised that a report from the Access Committee is included in the business paper for consideration. It was also noted that access facilities within West Wyalong have received positive feedback and the efforts of Council's staff and committee are being recognised.

SECTION 2 – OFFICE OF THE GENERAL MANAGER

10.1 Monthly Status Report

Council Recommendation:

07022014 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Grellman seconded Cr Hampton that the information contained in the February 2014 monthly status report be received and noted. CARRIED

10.2 West Wyalong Show Day 2014

Council Recommendation:

08022014 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Lord seconded Cr Grellman that the Council receive and note the approval for a local public half-holiday between the hours of 12noon and 6.00pm for the purpose of the West Wyalong Show on Wednesday 3rd September 2014 covering the West Wyalong/Wyalong and Tallimba Town Improvement Districts within the Bland Shire area. CARRIED

10.3 Events West Wyalong – Request for Financial Assistance, Festival – Mexico in the West

Council Recommendation:

PROPOSED on the motion of Cr Lord that Council consider making an annual allocation for such an event in conjunction with the preparation of the 2014-2015 budget.

The motion lapsed for the want of a seconder.

09022014 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Templeton seconded Cr Lord:

- 1. That Council support the Mexico in the West Festival, scheduled for 17-19 October 2014, by way of a financial contribution of \$15,000.00 and in-kind assistance to the value of \$5,000.00;**
- 2. That the funds for this purpose be allocated from the existing Strengthening Communities funding allocation for 2013-2014; and**
- 3. That Council consider making an annual allocation for such an event in conjunction with the preparation of the 2014-2015 budget. CARRIED**

10.4 The League of Extraordinary Communities – Membership with Boring and Dull

Council Recommendation:

10022014 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Lord seconded Cr Keatley that the confirmation of Council's official membership of The League of Extraordinary Communities be received and noted and that Council acknowledge such membership with the communities of Boring (Oregon) and Dull (Scotland). **CARRIED**

10.5 State Cover Mutual – Council Performance Report 2013

Council Recommendation:

11022014 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr McGlynn seconded Cr Lord that the contents of the State Cover Performance Report on Bland Shire Council for 2013 are received and noted and that Council acknowledges the efforts of staff in achieving such good results. **CARRIED**

SECTION 3 – CORPORATE, COMMUNITY & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

10.6 Financial Statements – November 2013

Council Recommendation:

12022014 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Grellman seconded Cr Monaghan:

- 1. That Council receive and note the statement of Bank Balances, Rates Collections and Investments for the month of November, 2013.**
- 2. That Council confirms the payment of accounts, for the period 1 November 2013 to 30 November 2013, summarised in the accounts summary totalling \$2,072,510.44. CARRIED**

10.7 Financial Statements – December 2013

Council Recommendation:

13022014 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Hampton seconded Cr Templeton:

- 1. That Council receive and note the statement of Bank Balances, Rates Collections and Investments for the month of December, 2013.**
- 2. That Council confirms the payment of accounts, for the period 1 December 2013 to 31 December 2013, summarised in the accounts summary totalling \$4,737,989.80. CARRIED**

10.8 Financial Statements – January 2014

Council Recommendation:

14022014 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Grellman seconded Cr Monaghan:

- 1. That Council receive and note the statement of Bank Balances, Rates Collections and Investments for the month of January, 2014.**
- 2. That Council confirms the payment of accounts, for the period 1 January 2014 to 31 January 2014, summarised in the accounts summary totalling \$4,521,437.33. CARRIED**

10.9 Budget Review – December 2013

Council Recommendation:

15022014 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Grellman seconded Cr Keatley:

- 1. That the Officers Report be received and noted.**
- 2 That the Council endorses the Statement acknowledging the financial position is considered satisfactory. CARRIED**

10.10 Strengthening Communities – West Wyalong League Tag Knockout

Council Recommendation:

16022014 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr McGlynn seconded Cr Lord that Council approve a Strengthening Communities grant of \$1500 to support the inaugural West Wyalong League Tag knockout on March 1, 2014. CARRIED

10.11 Access Incentive Grant – Cuts N Curls

Council Recommendation:

17022014 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Grellman seconded Cr Monaghan the Council approves an Access Incentive Grant for Cuts N Curls for the amount of \$4000. CARRIED

10.12 Bald Archy Exhibition

Council Recommendation:

18022014 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr McGlynn seconded Cr Grellman that subject to Council being offered the Bald Archy Exhibition, that the Mayor and General Manager negotiate with Splatter Gallery & Cafe to host the exhibition and that expenses not exceed \$5,000. CARRIED

10.13 Internal Reporting Policy & Complaints Handling Policy

Council Recommendation:

19022014 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Grellman seconded Cr Hampton that Council adopts the Internal Reporting Policy and the Complaints Handling Policy. **CARRIED**

10.14 Local Approvals Policy 2014

Council Recommendation:

20022014 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Lord seconded Cr Hampton that Council adopt the draft Local Approvals Policy as required by Section 158 of the Local Government Act, and place it on public exhibition for a period of 42 days. **CARRIED**

10.15 Children Services Policies Adoption

Council Recommendation:

21022014 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Hampton seconded Cr Keatley that the Council adopts the *Managing Allergy and Anaphylaxis Policy, Excursion Policy and Behaviour guidance and interaction policy* as presented for the Children Services Unit. **CARRIED**

10.16 Multi-Purpose Cultural/Exhibition Space

Council Recommendation:

22022014 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Lord seconded Cr Monaghan that Council conduct a community survey regarding a multi-purpose cultural space, in consultation with the chair of the Cultural Advisory Committee, commencing by April 1, 2014. **CARRIED**

10.17 Clean Up Australia Day

Council Recommendation:

23022014 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Lord seconded Cr Keatley that Council open its landfill sites to Bland Shire residents for free to celebrate Clean Up Australia Day on Sunday, March 2 with a limit of one sorted cubic metre per load. **CARRIED**

SECTION 4 – ASSET & ENGINEERING SERVICES

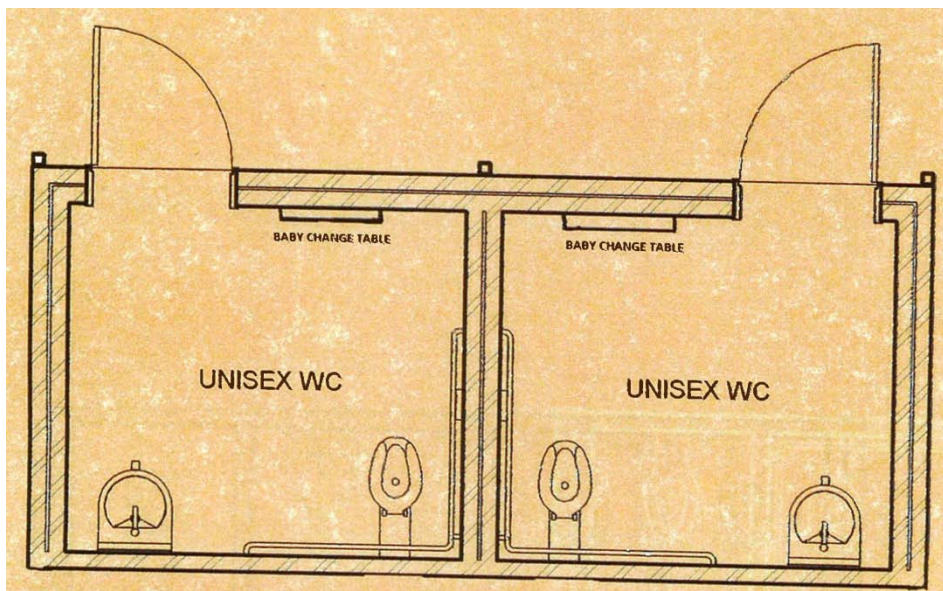
10.18 Main Street Toilet- Upgrade

Council Recommendation:

24022014 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr McGlynn seconded Cr Grellman that Council select the option that they believe is the most beneficial to the community for the upgrade of the Main Street toilets. **CARRIED**

Council Recommendation:

25022014 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Lord seconded Cr Grellman that Council proceed with the refurbishment of the Main Street toilets including two unisex toilets fitted the same and having baby change tables as shown and the additional funding of \$20,000 be sourced from the current under expenditure in the WHS-Risk area. **CARRIED**



10.19 Boardwalk Wetlands

Council Recommendation:

26022014 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Lord seconded Cr McGlynn that Council approve for an increase in the Wetlands Capital Budget by \$50,000 to enable the completion of the boardwalk construction at the Wetlands, as per Proposal 1 – Addition of \$50,000 to the budget result in 2013-14 with a reduction of Capital expenditure of \$50,000 in 2014-15. **CARRIED**

10.20 Special Purpose Vehicles Especially On State

Council Recommendation:

27022014 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Grellman seconded Cr Hampton that the matter of Special Purpose Vehicles on State Roads be noted. CARRIED

SECTION 5 – REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

Officer's Recommendation:

28022014 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Keatley seconded Cr Hampton that the following reports, provided for information only, be received and noted:

- **10.21 - Engineering Services Report**
- **10.22 - Community Services Report**
- **10.23 - Bland Shire Library Monthly Update**
- **10.24 - Children Services Monthly Update**
- **10.25 - Development Statistics – December 2013**
- **10.26 - Development Statistics – January 2014**
- **10.27 - Ranger Activities – December**
- **10.28 - Ranger Activities – January**
- **10.29 - Bland Shire Council Economic Development & Tourism Report – February.**

CARRIED

11.0 URGENT BUSINESS WITHOUT NOTICE

Nil

12.0 QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS

Cr Monaghan

- Stated that as Council we need to consult with the community wherever possible to aid in open and transparent decision making

Cr Lord

- Noted the extension for submissions regarding the Local Government Review and queried the timeline for Council's submission
GM advised that he will be attending a workshop in March and a submission prepared thereafter
Mayor advised that he will be attending the Temora Shire's upcoming public meeting

Cr McGlynn

- Conveyed congratulations to Cr Hampton for her daughters selection into the Australian Netball Team
- Raised concerns with Ungarie street sweeping
- Expressed her views on the comments and negativity from Mr Buttenshaw and Cr Lord in relation to suggested tourism initiatives
Cr Lord sought an apology from Cr McGlynn
Mayor reiterated the sentiments of the Mayoral Minute and urged Councillors to work together. It was ruled that no apology was required and advised Cr McGlynn to proceed with caution
- Stated that no decisions have been made at this stage

Cr Keatley

- Noted that the speed signs have been relocated on Ungarie Road however the paintings on the road require updating
DAES advised that a number of matters are still outstanding and in hand
- Advised that he will be participating in the annual charity walk and seeking donations

Cr Hampton

- Commended staff on the works at IGA carpark however requested progress with shading

Cr Grellman

- Advised that some parking markers in the Main Street have faded and require repainting
- Advised that the kerb in front of V&L Machinery is breaking up
- Requested consideration that the footpath area within the IGA carpark be coloured
Mayor advised that this option was agreed to in the concept plan
- Stated that the Carwash appears to be operating well

Cr Pokoney

- Requested investigation into the addition of textured sections of footpath in the Main Street to assist the vision impaired
DAES advised that this approach is no longer recommended by the Roads & Maritime Services
- Advised that enquiries are to be made following reports of delayed response times for 000 calls

- Advised that he purchased a painting and sent it to the Swedish Ambassador following his visit to West Wyalong and had received a letter of thanks in return from the Ambassador who is retiring to Sweden.

Mr Smith

- Advised that assistance to the recent Victorian bush fires was provided by 2 local tankers and 14 volunteers
- Advised that installation is underway of the Main Street PA system which covers the whole of the street

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

14.0 RESUMPTION OF THE MEETING AND CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CLOSED SECTION OF THE MEETING
Nil

15.0 CLOSE OF THE MEETING
There being no further business the meeting then closed at 8.36pm.

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Chairperson