



BLAND SHIRE COUNCIL
west wyalong

Bland Shire Council

Minutes

15 July 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 JULY 2014

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MAYOR



AGENDA
COUNCIL MEETING
15 JULY 2014

1.0 INTRODUCTION

The meeting was opened by the Mayor with the introduction and welcome at 6.31pm.

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 – arrived at 6.40pm
Cr N Pokoney
Cr P Templeton

2.2 Staff

General Manager - Ray Smith
Director Assets & Engineering Services - Will Marsh
Director Corporate, Community & Development Services - Adele Casey
Acting Executive Assistant - Carissa Burge

2.3 Apologies

Nil

3.0 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

3.1 Ordinary Meeting held on 17 June 2014

- **Confirmation**

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on 17 June 2014 be confirmed as a correct record of proceedings.

Council Recommendation:

01072014 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Grellman seconded Cr McGlynn that the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on 17 June 2014 be confirmed as a correct record of proceedings. CARRIED

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

4.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- Nil

5.0 PUBLIC FORUM

5.1 Andrew Buttenshaw

Mr Buttenshaw addressed Council expressing his concern regarding the Visitor Information Centre and advised Council that he has formed a group of community minded people, with diverse backgrounds, who are gathering information from the Community to present to Council regarding their thoughts on a Visitor Information Centre for Bland Shire.

6.0 MAYORAL MINUTE – Annual Performance Review of the General Manager

Council Recommendation:

02072014 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Grellman seconded by Cr Hampton that the General Manager, Mr Ray Smith is congratulated on his successful and positive annual performance review and that a 2.5% increase in his Total Remuneration Package is approved, effective from the 17 May 2014, being the anniversary of his commencement date with Council. CARRIED

7.0 NOTICES OF MOTION

7.1 Funding for Economic Development

Council Recommendation:

PROPOSED on the motion of Cr McGlynn seconded by Cr Keatley that from the 2014-2015 rating period 50% of the mining rate collected by Council is allocated to a reserve for the purpose of economic development initiatives.

With the consent of the mover and seconder the amendment was changed:

AMENDMENT proposed on the motion of Cr McGlynn seconded by Cr Keatley that from the 2014-2015 rating period 50% of the mining rate after deducting the current pool loan repayments collected by Council is allocated to a reserve for the purpose of economic development initiatives.

On being put to the vote the amendment became the motion and was **CARRIED**.

03072014 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr McGlynn seconded by Cr Keatley that from the 2014-2015 rating period 50% of the mining rate after deducting the current pool loan repayments collected by Council is allocated to a reserve for the purpose of economic development initiatives. **CARRIED**

At this stage 6.40pm Cr Pike entered the meeting.

7.2 Notice of Rescission Motion - Visitor Economy and Tourism Advisory Committee

Council Recommendation:

PROPOSED on the motion of Cr Lord seconded by Cr Pike that the Visitor Economy and Tourism Advisory Committee be reinstated in the same form that it has existed and that any review of Council's advisory committees be conducted using the same terms of reference for each committee. **LOST**

8.0 DELEGATES & ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

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Council Recommendation

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

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ITEM 3.1.1 Shading/seating in the Main Street: last sentence of the first paragraph; These seats will be erected in positions as directed by the Deputy Mayor, be changed to; These seats will be erected in positions as suggested by the Deputy Mayor.

On being put to the vote the amendment became the motion and was **CARRIED**.

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SECTION 2 - OFFICE OF THE GENERAL MANAGER

9.1 Monthly Status Report

Council Recommendation:

05072014 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Grellman seconded Cr Monaghan that the information contained in the July 2014 monthly status report be received and noted. CARRIED

9.2 Council's Capital Expenditure Projects 2013-14

Council Recommendation:

06072014 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr McGlynn seconded Cr Grellman that the information detailing the completion of the majority of Council's 2013 / 2014 capital expenditure projects, as at 30 June 2014 be received and noted. CARRIED

9.3 Proposed Sale of Vacant Land in Barmedman

Council Recommendation:

07072014 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Lord seconded Cr Keatley that Council agrees to the sale, by Public Tender, of Lot 14 DP 758055 Queen Street Barmedman, as the property has been determined to be superfluous to Council's needs. CARRIED

9.4 LGNSW Annual Conference - 2014

Council Recommendation:

08072014 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Lord seconded Cr Templeton that Council consider the following three recommendations in relation to the LGNSW 2014 Annual Conference. CARRIED

Council Recommendation:

09072014 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Lord seconded Cr Grellman that Council supports the concept of the LGNSW Conference dealing with motions on day one of the Conference. CARRIED

Council Recommendation:

10072014 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Keatley seconded Cr Grellman that Council submit two (2) motions, as detailed in this report, to the LGNSW 2014 Conference in respect to the proposed increase by Essential Energy for public street lighting and current poor relationship between local and state government. CARRIED

Council Recommendation:

PROPOSED that Council nominate just the one delegate, one observer and the General manager to attend this year's annual LGNSW Conference being held in Coffs Harbour from 19-21 October 2014.

AMENDMENT proposed on the motion of Cr McGlynn seconded Cr Grellman that Councillors in their first term, the General Manager and the Mayor of the day be invited to attend this years' LGNSW Annual Conference.

On being put to the vote the amendment became the motion and was CARRIED.

11072014 RESOLVED proposed on the motion of Cr McGlynn seconded Cr Grellman that Councillors in their first term, the General Manager and the Mayor of the day be invited to attend this years' LGNSW Annual Conference. CARRIED

9.5 Contractual Arrangements of Senior Staff

Council Recommendation:

12072014 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Grellman seconded Cr Templeton that the information provided to Council under S.339 of the Local Government Act 1993 in respect to the contractual arrangements for senior staff be received and noted. **CARRIED**

9.6 Banner Policy Review

Council Recommendation:

PROPOSED on the motion of Cr McGlynn seconded Cr Grellman that the current Banner Policy be amended by replacing the existing Clause 3.1 with the following:

3.1 The Main Street Banner may be utilised by Bland Shire Council to promote Community events the Shire has identified through its Community Strategic Plan or events of regional or state significance.

AMENDMENT proposed on the motion of Cr McGlynn seconded Cr Grellman that the current Banner Policy be amended by replacing the existing Clause 3.1 with the following:

3.1 (a) The Main Street Banner may be utilised by Bland Shire Council to promote Community events the Shire has identified through its Community Strategic Plan or events of regional or state significance.

(b) For such events covered in 3.1(a) the costs will be taken from the Tourism Budget - Event Promotion

(c) For all other "local" events not covered in 3.1(a) application can be made to Council through the Strengthening Communities Grant funding.

(d) The General Manager will have sole discretion if an event is Regional / State or Local

On being put to the vote the amendment became the motion and was CARRIED.

13072014 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr McGlynn seconded Cr Grellman that the current Banner Policy be amended by replacing the existing Clause 3.1 with the following:

- 3.1 (a) *The Main Street Banner may be utilised by Bland Shire Council to promote Community events the Shire has identified through its Community Strategic Plan or events of regional or state significance.***
- (b) *For such events covered in 3.1(a) the costs will be taken from the Tourism Budget - Event Promotion***
- (c) *For all other "local" events not covered in 3.1(a) application can be made to Council through the Strengthening Communities Grant funding.***
- (d) *The General Manager will have sole discretion if an event is Regional / State or Local. CARRIED***

SECTION 3 - CORPORATE, COMMUNITY & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

9.7 Financial Statements - June 2014

Council Recommendation:

14072014 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Hampton seconded Cr Keatley:

- 1. That Council receive and note the statement of Bank Balances, Rates Collections and Investments for the month of June, 2014**
- 2. That Council confirms the payment of accounts, for the period 01 June 2014 to 30 June 2014, summarised in the accounts summary totalling \$2,751,857.62. CARRIED**

9.8 Strengthening Communities Grant - Barmedman Show Society Inc

Council Recommendation:

15072014 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr McGlynn seconded Cr Grellman that Council approve a Strengthening Communities grant of \$3000 for the Barmedman Show Society to assist with the cost of entertainment for the annual Barmedman Show. CARRIED

9.9 Strengthening Communities Grant - West Wyalong Show Society

Council Recommendation:

16072014 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Pike seconded Cr Keatley that Council approve a Strengthening Communities grant of \$3840 for the West Wyalong Show Society to assist with the cost of supply and delivery of sand for the new show jumping arena. CARRIED

9.10 Community Access Policy Adoption

Council Recommendation:

17072014 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Grellman seconded Cr Lord that Council adopt the revised version of the Bland Shire Community Access Policy. CARRIED

SECTION 4 - ASSET & ENGINEERING SERVICES

9.11 Domed Lights - West Wyalong Aerodrome

Council Recommendation:

PROPOSED on the motion of Cr Hampton seconded Cr Keatley that, due to advice by CASA, Bland Shire Council NOT pursue the replacement of the existing elevated lights at West Wyalong Aerodrome with in-ground domed lights.

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On being put to the vote the amendment became the motion and was CARRIED.

18072014 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Hampton seconded Cr Keatley that, due to advice by CASA, Bland Shire Council NOT pursue the replacement of the existing elevated lights at West Wyalong Aerodrome with in-ground domed lights be carried over until further information is obtained. CARRIED

9.12 Sprayed Bituminous Surfacing Contract

Council Recommendation:

19072014 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Grellman seconded Cr Lord that the current Sprayed Bituminous Surfacing Contract be extended by one year to the 1st October, 2015. **CARRIED**

SECTION 5 - REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

Council Recommendation:

20072014 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Monaghan seconded Cr Templeton that the following reports, provided for information only, be received and noted:

- **9.13 - Asset & Engineering Services Report**
- **9.14 - Community Services Report**
- **9.15 - Bland Shire Library Monthly Update**
- **9.16 - Children's Services Monthly Update**
- **9.17 - Development Services Activities/Statistics - June 2014. CARRIED**

10.0 URGENT BUSINESS WITHOUT NOTICE

- NIL

11.0 QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS

Cr Monaghan

- Raised concerns regarding two constituents who approached him regarding letters they signed and being approached by a Councillor questioning the letter. The General Manager advised that yes, Councillors are able to approach Community members however, if the Community member does not wish to speak to the Councillor, that is their choice.

Cr Pike

- Questioned what the process was regarding disgruntled advocates. The General Manager advised that a letter of complaint can be submitted. If there is a breach of the Code of Conduct, the General Manager will deal with it.
- Requested the information contained within the file on the Lake be made available to Councillors
- Requested that CCTV be listed for discussion at the August workshop. The GM to gather information.

Cr Lord

- Advised Council that he looks forward to the first Committee of the Whole meeting as it will be in the public forum where people and media will be welcome to attend.

Cr McGlynn

- Raised concern regarding her displeasure of a letter printed in the West Wyalong Advocate, it was factually inaccurate.
- Raised concern that two well liked Councillors have been linked with being dysfunctional is misleading, they are hard working and well liked. (Cr Hampton and Cr Templeton).

Cr Keatley

- Advised that in relation to Tourism Information, we need to grab any opportunity we can to promote Bland Shire.
- Raised concern regarding the published letter to the editor in the West Wyalong Advocate as it was quite damaging to Councillors. The Community network group are uncertain of what their role will be.
- Encourage others to walk the remembrance walk Coinda Park.

Cr Hampton

- Raised concern regarding antagonistic attitude between Councillors and how to best serve the community when some Councillors continuing to mis inform the public.
- Would encourage all to the new Committee of a Whole and would like to take up Andrew Buttenshaws offer for assistance regarding the Visitor Information Centre.

Cr Grellman

- Attended Lachlan valley weeds meeting. Must be registered to sell fodder and this may fall on Local Government shoulders. It appears that costs may shift down the line. Bland Shire Council is a leader in weed control, with other Councils adopting our process regarding red guide posts that identify noxious weeds.

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

Council Recommendation:

21072014 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Templeton seconded Cr Grellman 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 8.12pm

12.1 Strategic Property Purchase - 1

Local Government Act 1993 (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 Strategic Property Purchase - 2

Local Government Act 1993 (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:

25072014 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Keatley seconded Cr Templeton that Council move out of closed Council and into open Council. **CARRIED**

The meeting then resumed at 8.47pm.

12.1 Strategic Property Purchase - 1

Local Government Act 1993 (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.

Council Recommendation:

22072014 RESOLVED on the motion by Cr McGlynn seconded Cr Grellman that Council accept the offer for the purchase of the subject property for the amount detailed in this report and the Mayor and General Manager be delegated authority to prepare and execute the necessary contract documents. **CARRIED**

Council Recommendation:

23072014 RESOLVED on the motion by Cr McGlynn seconded Cr Hampton that a further report be submitted to the September Council meeting in respect to the development of a strategic plan of the future use of this site, including all known financial implications. **CARRIED**

12.2 Strategic Property Purchase - 2

Local Government Act 1993 (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.

Council Recommendation:

24072014 RESOLVED on the motion by Cr Hampton seconded Cr Monaghan that the report be placed in abeyance until the property is inspected onsite by Councillors. **CARRIED**

14.0 CLOSE OF THE MEETING

There being no further business the meeting then closed at 8.48pm.

Chairperson