



BLAND SHIRE COUNCIL
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Bland Shire Council

Minutes

16 September 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 16 SEPTEMBER 2014

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MAYOR



Minutes
Council Meeting
16 September 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 6.33pm)
Cr N Pokoney
Cr P Templeton

2.2 Staff

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

2.3 Apologies

Director Asset & Engineering Services – Will Marsh

3.0 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

3.1 Ordinary Meeting held on 19 August 2014

▪ **Confirmation**

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on 19 August 2014 be confirmed as a correct record of proceedings.

Council Recommendation:

01092014 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Keatley seconded Cr Templeton that the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on 19 August 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
Nil

6.0 MAYORAL MINUTE
Nil

7.0 NOTICES OF MOTION

At this stage, 6.33pm, Cr Pike arrived.

7.1 Review of Council’s Community Strategic Plan and Delivery Program (Mayor Pokoney)

Council Recommendation:

02092014 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Pokoney seconded Cr McGlynn that councillors and senior staff undertake a review of the current Community Strategic Plan and Delivery Program within the parameters of the Integrated Planning and Reporting legislation. CARRIED

8.0 DELEGATES & ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS

SECTION 1 – DELEGATES & ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council Recommendation:

03092014 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Hampton seconded Cr McGlynn that the Council receive and note the delegate and advisory committee reports from Councillors and Advisory Committee meeting minutes as presented. CARRIED

8.1 Goldenfields Water County Council

Mayor Pokoney advised that he attended the launch of the GWCC Wildlife 500 program. The launch was a success and a credit to Mr Grant and Goldenfields.

8.2 Newell Highway Taskforce

Cr Lord urged Councillors to review the information provided in the minutes and provide comments for further consideration at their next meeting in Narrandera.

Mayor Templeton noted that Council has made a submission in relation to the Newell Highway Corridor Strategy.

Cr McGlynn queried the criteria for the overnight visitor spending statistics from the Destination NSW LGA profiles.

8.3 REROC

Mayor Pokoney advised that during the recent meetings of REROC no further information or decisions have been made.

8.4 Riverina Regional Tourism

Mayor Pokoney queried the proposed 2015/16 membership fees. Cr Lord advised that discussions have not been held in relation to the proposed budget.

9.0 STAFF REPORTS

That the Council receive the staff reports.

SECTION 2 – OFFICE OF THE GENERAL MANAGER

9.1 Election Of Mayor

Council Recommendation:

04092014 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Lord seconded Cr McGlynn:

- i) That the Council note the report on the procedure for the election of Mayor.**
 - ii) That the election of Mayor be held at this meeting.**
 - iii) That in the event of a contested election that the Council determine whether voting is to be open voting, Ordinary Ballot or Preferential Ballot.**
 - iv) That the General Manager be appointed Returning Officer for the purpose of this election.**
 - v) That at the conclusion of the election any ballot papers be destroyed.**
- CARRIED**

The Mayor vacated the Chair and the General Manager advised that two nominations had been received for the position of Mayor and called for any further nominations. There were no further nominations received.

Council Recommendation:

05092014 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Grellman seconded Cr McGlynn that voting be conducted by ordinary ballot. CARRIED

Council Recommendation:

06092014 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Hampton seconded Cr Lord that the nominees provide a brief address to Council. CARRIED

Cr Monaghan and Cr Pokoney each addressed Council prior to the ballot. At the completion of the vote the General Manager advised that Cr N Pokoney had received the majority of the votes (5/4) and was therefore declared as elected as Mayor of Bland Shire Council for the ensuing twelve months.

9.2 Election Of Deputy Mayor

Council Recommendation:

07092014 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Lord seconded Cr McGlynn:

- i) That the Deputy Mayor be elected at this meeting.**
 - ii) That the Deputy Mayor be elected for the Mayoral term.**
 - iii) That in the event of a contested election that the Council determine whether voting is to be open voting, Ordinary Ballot or Preferential Ballot.**
 - iii) That the General Manager be appointed Returning Officer for the purpose of this election.**
 - iv) That at the conclusion of the election any ballot papers be destroyed.**
- CARRIED**

The General Manager advised that one nomination had been received for the position of Deputy Mayor and called for any further nominations. Cr Hampton submitted a nomination for the position of Deputy Mayor.

Council Recommendation:

PROPOSED on the motion of Cr Pike seconded Cr Monaghan that voting be conducted by an open vote.

On being put to the vote the motion was LOST.

Council Recommendation:

08092014 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Keatley seconded Cr Templeton that voting be conducted by ordinary ballot. CARRIED

Council Recommendation:

09092014 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Templeton seconded Cr Keatley that the nominees provide a brief address to Council. CARRIED

Cr Hampton and Cr McGlynn each addressed Council prior to the ballot. At the completion of the vote the General Manager advised that Cr L Hampton had received the majority of the votes (5/4) and was therefore declared as elected as Deputy Mayor of Bland Shire Council for the ensuing twelve months.

The Mayor resumed the Chair.

9.3 Monthly Status Report

Council Recommendation:

10092014 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Templeton seconded Cr Keatley that the information contained in the September 2014 monthly status report be received and noted. CARRIED

At this stage, 7.20pm, a brief recess period was held. The meeting then resumed at 7.24pm.

9.4 Voting Delegate – Local Government NSW Annual Conference

Council Recommendation:

11092014 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr McGlynn seconded Cr Grellman that the Mayor be appointed as Council's voting delegate to the 2014 Local Government NSW annual conference to be held in Coffs Harbour from 19-21 October. CARRIED

9.5 Review Of Council's Advisory Committees

Council Recommendation:

12092014 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr McGlynn seconded Cr Hampton that Council's Advisory Committee structure and membership be amended in accordance with the recommendations detailed below. CARRIED

Council Recommendation:

13092014 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr McGlynn seconded Cr Keatley:

1. That all community representative positions on Council's Advisory Committees be appointed for a two (2) year period.
2. That all community representative positions are declared vacant and expressions of interest sought for community representatives on the Health & Wellbeing, Cultural, Access and Heritage Advisory Committees for the period 2014 – 2016 to coincide with the Council elections. CARRIED

Internal Audit Committee

Council Recommendation:

14092014 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Grellman seconded Cr Lord that the Internal Audit Committee membership consists of:

- 1x Independent Member
- 2x Staff (observers) – General Manager and other staff as required
- Corporate Support – Executive Assistant. CARRIED

Health & Wellbeing Advisory Committee

Council Recommendation:

15092014 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Lord seconded Cr Monaghan that the Health & Wellbeing Advisory Committee meet on a bi-annual basis. CARRIED

Heritage Advisory Committee

Council Recommendation:

16092014 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr McGlynn seconded Cr Monaghan that the Heritage Advisory Committee meet on a bi-monthly basis. CARRIED

Museums Advisory Committee

Council Recommendation:

17092014 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Lord seconded Cr Monaghan that the Museums Advisory Committee meet on a bi-annual basis. CARRIED

Visitor Economy & Tourism Advisory Committee of the Whole

Council Recommendation:

18092014 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr McGlynn seconded Cr Hampton:

- 1. That an open forum to gain community input be conducted on a bi-monthly basis at the Visitor Economy & Tourism Advisory Committee of the Whole meetings.**
- 2. That the Visitor Economy & Tourism Advisory Committee of the Whole further consider the structure, format and establishment of community reference group/s. CARRIED**

Economic Development Advisory Committee of the Whole

Council Recommendation:

19092014 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr McGlynn seconded Cr Templeton that the Economic Development Advisory Committee of the Whole meets on a bi-monthly basis following the Visitor Economy & Tourism Advisory Committee of the Whole meeting. CARRIED

Plant Committee

Council Recommendation:

20092014 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Grellman seconded Cr Hampton that the Plant Committee meet on a bi-annual basis. CARRIED

Council Recommendation:

21092014 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Hampton seconded Cr Keatley that the structure and membership for all other Advisory Committees remain the same. CARRIED

9.6 Refurbishment of the Perseverance Street Sports Complex Stadium

Council Recommendation:

22092014 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Pike seconded Cr Lord:

- 1. That the minutes of the Stadium Steering Committee of 9 September 2014 be received and noted for information purposes;**
- 2. That the list of prioritised works also be received and noted for information purposes at this stage;**
- 3. That the general manager now calls for expressions of interest for the 'design and construct' phase of this project based on, but not limited to, the essential works identified by the steering committee; and**
- 4. That a further report be submitted to council once the expressions of interest have been received and assessed. CARRIED**

9.7 Mexico in the West Festival – 2014

Council Recommendation:

23092014 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr McGlynn seconded Cr Lord:

- 1 That council advises Events West Wyalong that it will not be possible to lift the Alcohol Free Zone ban in the main street for this year's Festival
- 2 That the general manager be delegated authority to arrange the temporary use of the Elders building by Events West Wyalong for this year's Festival. CARRIED

9.8 Future of NSW Local Government – Minister's Announcement

Council Recommendation:

24092014 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Lord seconded Cr McGlynn that the information concerning the NSW's government response to the Independent Review Panel's Report on the future of NSW Local Government be received and noted and that the general manager provide a comprehensive report to the October meeting of council on the possible implications for Bland Shire Council. CARRIED

Council Recommendation:

PROPOSED on the motion of Cr Grellman seconded Cr McGlynn that Bland Shire Council provide a letter of support for the submission of an Expression of Interest by REROC to become a pilot 'Joint Organisation' under the NSW State Government's Fit for the Future Program for NSW local government.

AMENDMENT proposed on the motion of Cr Lord seconded Cr Templeton that Bland Shire Council provide a letter of support for the submission of an Expression of Interest by REROC to become a pilot 'Joint Organisation' under the NSW State Government's Fit for the Future Program for NSW local government providing it excludes Wagga City Council.

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

25092014 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Lord seconded Cr Templeton that Bland Shire Council provide a letter of support for the submission of an Expression of Interest by REROC to become a pilot 'Joint Organisation' under the NSW State Government's Fit for the Future Program for NSW local government providing it excludes Wagga City Council. CARRIED

SECTION 3 – CORPORATE, COMMUNITY & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

9.9 Financial Statements – August 2014

Council Recommendation:

26092014 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Hampton seconded Cr McGlynn:

- 1. That Council receive and note the statement of Bank Balances, Rates Collections and Investments for the month of August, 2014.**
- 2. That Council confirms the payment of accounts, for the period 01 August 2014 to 31 August 2014, summarised in the accounts summary totalling \$5,619,459.12. CARRIED**

9.10 Financial Hardship Policy

Council Recommendation:

27092014 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Lord seconded Cr Templeton:

- 1. That the Council place the Financial *Hardship Policy* on public exhibition for a period of 28 days.**
- 2. That if no submissions are received, the Council give delegated authority to the General Manager to adopt the Policy. CARRIED**

9.11 NSW Public Library Funding Report update

Council Recommendation:

28092014 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr McGlynn seconded Cr Lord that the Council:

- a. Continue to provide support to the campaign mounted by the NSW Public Library Associations for increased state funding to local government for public libraries.**
- b. Write to the Hon. Troy Grant, Minister for the Arts, noting the allocation of \$15m over 4 years for a public library infrastructure grants program, and calling upon the Government to implement the Reforming Public Library Funding submission of the Library Council of NSW in 2012 for the reform of the funding system for NSW public libraries.**
- c. Continue to take a lead role in the campaign locally. CARRIED**

9.12 Children Services Policy Adoptions

Council Recommendation:

29092014 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Keatley seconded Cr Grellman that the Council adopts the following Children Services Unit policies as required by the Education and Care Services National Regulations 2011.

- **Assessment and FDC Educators, Educator Assistants and Persons residing at FDC residences policy**
 - **Delivery and collection of children policy**
 - **Determining the responsible person present at the service policy**
 - **Fee policy**
 - **Keeping a register of FDC educators and assistants policy**
 - **Provision of information, assistance and training to FDC educators policy.**
- CARRIED**

SECTION 4 – REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

Council Recommendation:

30092014 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Lord 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 Services Monthly Update**
- **9.17 - Development Services Activities/Statistics for August 2014**
- **9.18 - Economic Development & Tourism Report – September. CARRIED**

LATE REPORTS

Financial Statements 2013/14

Council Recommendation:

31092014 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Grellman seconded Cr Templeton:

- 1. That the Financial Statements or 2013/14 be referred to Audit.**
- 2. That the Council authorise the Mayor, a Councillor, the General Manager and the Responsible Accounting Officer to sign the statement by Councillors and Management. CARRIED**

10.0 URGENT BUSINESS WITHOUT NOTICE

Nil

11.0 QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS

Cr Pike

- Welcomed Cr Grellman back after his recent illness

Cr Hampton

- Requested that staff be commended for their efforts at the Wetlands
Mayor Pokoney advised that a formal opening will be arranged

Cr Lord

- Endorsed Cr Hampton's remarks and recognition of staff for their efforts at the Wetlands as he has received many positive comments
- Advised that he attended the free flight centre opening. The group are impressed with the location and the assistance received from Council and Mr Stien

Cr McGlynn

- Conveyed congratulations to Cr Hampton for her efforts with the recent NAIDOC event and in her appointment as Deputy Mayor
- Thanked staff for their efforts with the Show display however suggested a more prominent location would be beneficial
- Attended the successful motor sports event and supported their rates refund
- Raised the issue of sewerage in Railway Road and will continue to campaign for a positive outcome for all residents in the area
- Queried progress with the 3 seats for the Main Street
GM advised that the matter will be followed up
- Congratulated the communities of Barmedman, Ungarie and West Wyalong for their recent Shows

Cr Monaghan

- Conveyed congratulations to Cr Hampton in her appointment as Deputy Mayor
- Supported Cr McGlynn's comments to relocate the Council display at the Show
- Queried the style of verandah posts at the Reject Shop
Mayor advised that enhancements to compliment the heritage theme are proposed

Cr Keatley

- Stated that it was unfortunate that some Councillors and the General Manager missed the recent Goldenfields Water presentation to Council
- Conveyed thanks to staff and councillors for their recent support of the Ungarie Show

Cr Grellman

- Stated that the community can be very proud of our hospital, its staff and services
- Conveyed congratulations to Mayor Pokoney and Deputy Mayor Hampton

Cr Pokoney

- Advised that he attended the Ungarie Show and motor sports event and thanked Cr McGlynn for her assistance
- Presented Council with a plaque of appreciation from Goldenfields Water that was presented at the recent launch of the Wildlife Corridor 500 program
- Conveyed thanks to Cr McGlynn for her support as Deputy Mayor
- Welcomed Cr Hampton to the role of Deputy Mayor

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

Council Recommendation:

32092014 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Templeton seconded Cr McGlynn 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 8.33pm.

12.1 Tender 2014/02 - Purchase Of Land – 91 Queen Street Barmedman

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 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:

35092014 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Hampton seconded Cr Monaghan that Council move out of closed Council and into open Council. **CARRIED**

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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.

Council Recommendation:

33092014 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Grellman seconded Cr Lord that Council accepts the tender from MC Christman for the purchase of Lot 14, Section 4, DP 758055, 91 Queen Street Barmedman. **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:

PROPOSED on the motion of Cr Lord seconded Cr Hampton that a further report be submitted to a future Council meeting in respect to the development of a strategic plan for the future use of this site, including all known financial implications.

AMENDMENT proposed on the motion of Cr McGlynn seconded Cr Keatley that Council not accept the offer for the purchase of the subject property.

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

34092014 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr McGlynn seconded Cr Keatley that Council not accept the offer for the purchase of the subject property. **CARRIED**

14.0 CLOSE OF THE MEETING

There being no further business the meeting then closed at 9.02pm.

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Chairperson

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF BLAND HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS WEST WYALONG ON TUESDAY 16 SEPTEMBER 2014

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MAYOR