

Bland Shire Council

Minutes

Extraordinary Council Meeting

2 June 2015



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

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

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

3rd - 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	council@blandshire.nsw.gov.au	www.blandshire.nsw.gov.au
ICAC	8281 5999 Toll Free: 1800 463 909	icac@icac.nsw.gov.au	www.icac.nsw.gov.au
Office of Local Government	4428 4100	dlg@dlg.nsw.gov.au	www.dlg.nsw.gov.au
NSW Ombudsman	9286 1000 Toll Free: 1800 451 524	nswombo@ombo.nsw.gov.au	www.ombo.nsw.gov.au



Council Meeting Minutes
Extraordinary 2 June 2015
commencing at 6:30PM

1.0 INTRODUCTION

The meeting was opened by the Mayor with the introduction and welcome 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

2.2 Staff

General Manager – Ray Smith
Director Corporate, Community & Development Services – Adele Casey

2.3 Apologies

Director Asset & Engineering Services – Will Marsh
Cr P Templeton

3.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

4.0 STAFF REPORTS

That the Council receive the staff reports.

Section 1 – Office of the General Manager (*reports for decision*)

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4.1 Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework – Adoption of Draft Documents

Council Recommendation:

01062015 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr McGlynn seconded Cr Keatley that Council consider the submissions to the Draft Integrated Planning and Reporting documents prior to adopting each of the associated plans and programs. **CARRIED**

Council Recommendation:

PROPOSED on the motion of Cr Grellman seconded Cr Hampton that Council adopts the Operational Plan 2015-2016 subject to the amendments agreed to at this meeting.

AMENDMENT proposed on the motion of Cr Lord seconded Cr Pike that the proposed Donations budget allocation for 2015/16 be reduced to \$35,000.

On being put to the vote the amendment was **LOST**.

AMENDMENT proposed on the motion of Cr Lord seconded Cr Pike that the proposed Public Relations budget allocation for 2015/16 of \$50,000 be removed.

On being put to the vote the amendment was **LOST**.

02062015 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Grellman seconded Cr Hampton that Council adopts the Operational Plan 2015-2016 subject to the amendments agreed to at this meeting. **CARRIED**

Council Recommendation:

03062015 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr McGlynn seconded Cr Keatley that Council adopts the Revenue Policy 2015/16 subject to the amendments agreed to at this meeting. **CARRIED**

Council Recommendation:

04062015 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Monaghan seconded Cr Pike that Council adopts the Delivery Program 2013-2016 subject to the amendments agreed to at this meeting. CARRIED

Council Recommendation:

05062015 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Monaghan seconded Cr Grellman that Council adopts the Workforce Assessment Plan & Strategy 2015-2019 subject to the amendments agreed to at this meeting. CARRIED

Council Recommendation:

06062015 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Monaghan seconded Cr Hampton that Council adopts the Asset Management Plan 2015 subject to the amendments agreed to at this meeting. CARRIED

Council Recommendation:

07062015 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Monaghan seconded Cr Pike that Council adopts the Long Term Financial Plan 2015-2025 subject to the amendments agreed to at this meeting. CARRIED

5.0 CLOSE OF THE MEETING

There being no further business the meeting then closed at 6.50pm.

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Chairperson