



BLAND SHIRE COUNCIL
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Bland Shire Council

Minutes

Extraordinary Council Meeting

11 January 2022

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OUR VISION, MISSION AND VALUES



Council advises that an audio recording of the proceedings of this meeting were taken and are publicly available on the website.

1.0 OPENING MEETING AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

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

2.0 APOLOGIES AND APPLICATIONS FOR A LEAVE OF ABSENCE BY COUNCILLORS

2.1 Attendance

Councillors

Cr Bruce Baker
Cr Monica Clark
Cr Rodney Crowe
Cr Jill Funnell
Cr Kerry Keatley
Cr Tony Lord
Cr Liz McGlynn
Cr Roger Moore

Staff

General Manager – Ray Smith
Director Technical Services – Will Marsh
Executive Assistant – Julie Sharpe

2.2 Apologies

Acting Mayor Brian Monaghan
Director Corporate & Community Services – Alison Balind

Recommendation:

01012022 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Keatley seconded Cr Crowe that the apologies submitted by Cr Monaghan be accepted.

CARRIED Unanimously

2.3 Applications for a leave of absence by Councillors

Nil

3.0 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

3.1 Ordinary Meeting held on 16 November 2021

- Corrections - Nil
- Business Arising - Nil
- Confirmation

Recommendation:

02012022 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Baker seconded Cr Keatley that the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on 16 November 2021 be confirmed as a correct record of proceedings.

CARRIED Unanimously

4.0 DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS

Nil

5.0 PRESENTATION(S) AND PUBLIC FORUM

Nil

6.0 REPORTS TO COUNCIL

Section 1 - Office of the General Manager

6.1 Election of Mayor – January 2022

Recommendation:

03012022 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Crowe seconded Cr Baker that the Council note the report on the procedure for the election of Mayor.

CARRIED Unanimously

Recommendation:

04012022 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Crowe seconded Cr Baker that the election of Mayor be held at this meeting.

CARRIED Unanimously

Recommendation:

05012022 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Crowe seconded Cr Funnell that in the event of a contested election that the Council determine whether voting is to be Open Voting, Ordinary Ballot or Preferential Ballot.

CARRIED Unanimously

Recommendation:

06012022 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Baker seconded Cr Moore that the General Manager be appointed Returning Officer for the purpose of this election.

CARRIED Unanimously

Recommendation:

07012022 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Baker seconded Cr Moore that at the conclusion of the election any ballot papers be destroyed.

CARRIED Unanimously

The General Manager advised that a nomination has been received from Cr Monaghan and called for any further nominations for the position of Mayor. There being no further nominations received, the General Manager declared Cr Monaghan elected Mayor until September 2023.

6.2 Election of Deputy Mayor – January 2022

Recommendation:

08012022 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Keatley seconded Cr Funnell that a Deputy Mayor be elected at this meeting.

CARRIED Unanimously

Recommendation:

09012022 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Moore seconded Cr Crowe that the Deputy Mayor be elected for the Mayoral term.

CARRIED Unanimously

Recommendation:

10012022 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Crowe seconded Cr Moore that in the event of a contested election that the Council determine whether voting is to be Open Voting, Ordinary Ballot or Preferential Ballot.

CARRIED Unanimously

Recommendation:

11012022 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Keatley seconded Cr Lord that the General Manager be appointed Returning Officer for the purpose of this election.

CARRIED Unanimously

Recommendation:

12012022 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Baker seconded Cr Moore that at the conclusion of the election any ballot papers be destroyed.

CARRIED Unanimously

The General Manager advised that nominations have been received from Cr Crowe and Cr McGlynn and called for any further nominations for the position of Deputy Mayor. There were no further nominations received.

Recommendation:

13012022 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Baker seconded Cr Funnell that voting is to be Ordinary Ballot for the election of Deputy Mayor.

CARRIED Unanimously

At the completion of the vote the General Manager advised that Cr Crowe and Cr McGlynn had received four votes each and a draw was required with the first name drawn to be elected Deputy Mayor.

The General Manager advised that Cr Crowe was drawn and therefore declared as elected Deputy Mayor of Bland Shire Council for the ensuing Mayoral term.

Deputy Mayor Crowe then took the Chair.

6.3 Appointment to Various Council and External Committees

Recommendation:

14012022 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Lord seconded Cr Baker that the Council make the appointments of delegates and representatives to the committees and organisations as detailed in the attached table for the ensuing Council term.

- Audit, Risk & Improvement Committee: Cr Lord
- Bland Rural Fire District Zone Liaison Committee: Cr Baker
- Bland – Temora RFS Zone Bushfire Management Committee: Cr Baker
- Cowal Gold Project Environmental Monitoring & Consultative Committee (CEMCC): Cr McGlynn
- Goldenfields Water County Council Board: Cr McGlynn, Cr Lord (alternate)
- Local Traffic Advisory Committee: Cr Moore
- Murrumbidgee Primary Health Network Board: Cr Funnell
- Newell Highway Taskforce: Cr Lord
- NSW Association of Mining & Energy Related Councils (MERC): Cr McGlynn
- NSW Public Libraries Association: Cr Clark
- Riverina Regional Library Advisory Committee: Cr Clark

CARRIED Unanimously

6.4 Countbacks to Fill Casual Vacancies

Recommendation:

15012022 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Funnell seconded Cr Keatley that pursuant to section 291A(1)(b) of the Local Government Act 1993 (the Act) Bland Shire Council declares that casual vacancies occurring in the office of a Councillor within 18 months after the last ordinary election of Councillors for the Council on 4 December 2021 are to be filled by a countback of votes cast at that election for the office in accordance with section 291A of the Act and directs the General Manager to notify the NSW Electoral Commission of the Council's decision within seven days of the decision.

CARRIED Unanimously

6.5 Electoral Funding Obligations

Recommendation:

16012022 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr McGlynn seconded Cr Moore that Councillors note the information and their electoral funding and reporting obligations to the NSW Electoral Commission.

CARRIED Unanimously

Section 2 – Corporate & Community Services

6.6 Adoption of Community Engagement Strategy

Recommendation:

17012022 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Lord seconded Cr Baker that Bland Shire Council adopts the Community Engagement Strategy.

CARRIED Unanimously

7.0 NOTICES OF MOTIONS / QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

Nil

8.0 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

Recommendation:

18012022 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Baker seconded Cr Clark 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 Unanimously

The meeting then closed at 6.51pm.

Recommendation:

28012022 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Funnell seconded Cr Clark that Council move out of closed Council and into open Council.

CARRIED Unanimously

The meeting then resumed at 7.49pm.

8.1 Consideration of Nominations for 2021 Australia Day Awards

Recommendation:

19012022 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Lord seconded Cr McGlynn that Council create a special “Community Spirit” category for the 2022 Australia Day Awards.

CARRIED Unanimously

Recommendation:

20012022 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr McGlynn seconded Cr Funnell that the 2022 Bland Shire Citizen of the Year award be presented to the successful nominee.

CARRIED Unanimously

Recommendation:

21012022 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Lord seconded Cr Clark that the 2022 Bland Shire Young Citizen of the Year award be presented to the successful nominee.

CARRIED Unanimously

Recommendation:

22012022 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Baker seconded Cr Funnell that the 2022 Bland Shire Community Event of the Year award be presented to the successful nominee.

CARRIED Unanimously

Recommendation:

23012022 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Moore seconded Cr McGlynn that the 2022 Bland Shire Community Group of the Year award be presented to the successful nominee.

CARRIED Unanimously

Recommendation:

24012022 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr McGlynn seconded Cr Funnell that the 2022 Bland Shire Contribution to Sport award be presented to the successful nominee.

CARRIED Unanimously

Recommendation:

25012022 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr McGlynn seconded Cr Baker that the 2022 Bland Shire COVID-19 Hero award be presented to the successful nominee.

CARRIED Unanimously

Recommendation:

26012022 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Funnell seconded Cr Moore that Council endorse the 2022 Australia Day Award recipients as identified in the closed section of the meeting.

CARRIED Unanimously

Recommendation:

27012022 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Moore seconded Cr Lord that the 2022 Australia Day Awards presentation ceremony be held on January 25th at the Tivoli Theatre at 6pm for 6.30pm commencement.

CARRIED Unanimously

9.0 CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING

There being no further business the meeting then closed at 7.49pm.

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Chairperson
Deputy Mayor Rodney Crowe