

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF BLAND HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS WEST WYALONG ON TUESDAY 21 MAY 2024, COMMENCING AT 6.30PM

An audio recording of the proceedings of this meeting is publicly available on Council's website.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES FOR NON-ATTENDANCE

Attendance

Crs B Monaghan (Mayor), R Crowe, J Funnell, K Keatley, T Lord, L McGlynn, R Moore
Acting General Manager (A Balind), Director Technical Services (R Graham) and Executive Assistant (J Sharpe)

Apologies

Cr M Clark

01052024 RESOLVED that the apologies submitted by Cr Clark be accepted.

Funnell/Crowe
CARRIED

(Unanimously: Crs Crowe, Funnell, Keatley, Lord, McGlynn, Monaghan and Moore voting for)

DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS

Councillor/ Officer	Item	Nature of Interest	Reason	How Managed
Cr J. Funnell	6.12 - Request for Fee Relief	Less than significant non-pecuniary	Personal	Written Disclosure and left the meeting
Mrs A. Balind	9.1 – Consideration of the General Manager’s Total Remuneration Package	Pecuniary	Personal	Written Disclosure and left the meeting

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Ordinary Meeting held on 16 April 2024

02052024 RESOLVED that the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on 16 April 2024 be confirmed as a correct record of proceedings.

Moore/Keatley
CARRIED

(Unanimously: Crs Crowe, Funnell, Keatley, Lord, McGlynn, Monaghan and Moore voting for)

REPORTS FROM STAFF

Monthly Status Report – Council Meeting Actions: May 2024

03052024 RESOLVED that Council receive and note the Monthly Status Report - Council Meeting Actions: May 2024.

Keatley/Funnell
CARRIED

(Unanimously: Crs Crowe, Funnell, Keatley, Lord, McGlynn, Monaghan and Moore voting for)

Bland Shire Australia Day Awards Committee

04052024

RESOLVED:

1. That the minutes of the Australia Day Awards Committee meeting held on 23 April 2024, be received and noted.
2. That Council:-
 - a. make available Citizen of the Year citations prior to future Australia Day events.
 - b. hold a Mayoral Reception on the evening prior to Australia Day 2025 at Wyalong Hall.
 - c. make application for Australia Day Council funding for the undertaking of the Australia Day Breakfast and pool activities.
 - d. continue to be involved in the Australia Day Ambassador Program.

McGlynn/Lord

CARRIED

(Unanimously: Crs Crowe, Funnell, Keatley, Lord, McGlynn, Monaghan and Moore voting for)

Local Government Elections – 2024

05052024

RESOLVED that the information presented in respect to the 2024 Local Government Elections is received and noted.

Moore/Funnell

CARRIED

(Unanimously: Crs Crowe, Funnell, Keatley, Lord, McGlynn, Monaghan and Moore voting for)

Riverina Regional Library Service Agreement

06052024

RESOLVED that Council note the information within the report and endorse the signing of the Riverina Regional Library agreement by the General Manager.

McGlynn/Lord

CARRIED

(Unanimously: Crs Crowe, Funnell, Keatley, Lord, McGlynn, Monaghan and Moore voting for)

Finance And Investment Report For April 2024

07052024

RESOLVED:

1. That Council receive and note the information contained within the Finance and Investment Report for the month of April 2024
2. That Council confirms the payment of accounts, for the period 01 April to 30 April 2024, summarised in the accounts summary totalling \$5,610,816.87

Moore/Keatley

CARRIED

(Unanimously: Crs Crowe, Funnell, Keatley, Lord, McGlynn, Monaghan and Moore voting for)

Budget Review – March 2024 Quarter

08052024

RESOLVED:

1. That the Officer's Report be received and noted.
2. That the Council endorses the Statement acknowledging the financial position is considered satisfactory.

Keatley/Crowe

CARRIED

(Unanimously: Crs Crowe, Funnell, Keatley, Lord, McGlynn, Monaghan and Moore voting for)

Local Government Remuneration Tribunal

09052024 **RESOLVED** that Council fix the annual fee for Councillors at the maximum amount allowable, being \$13,520 per Councillor for the period 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025 and fix the annual fee for the Mayor at the maximum amount allowable, being \$29,500 for the period 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025.

McGlynn/Moore
CARRIED

(Unanimously: Crs Crowe, Funnell, Keatley, Lord, McGlynn, Monaghan and Moore voting for)

Strengthening Communities Application – Naradhan Public School

10052024 **RESOLVED** that Council approve the application for funding of the Naradhan Public School under the Strengthening Communities Fund in the amount of \$1,000 to go towards the purchase of a defibrillator.

Funnell/Moore
CARRIED

(Unanimously: Crs Crowe, Funnell, Keatley, Lord, McGlynn, Monaghan and Moore voting for)

Strengthening Communities Application – West Wyalong Show Society

11052024 **RESOLVED** that Council approve the application for funding of the West Wyalong Show Society under the Strengthening Communities Fund in the amount of \$6,000 to go towards the provision of free entertainment at the 2024 West Wyalong Show.

McGlynn/Moore
CARRIED

(Unanimously: Crs Crowe, Funnell, Keatley, Lord, McGlynn, Monaghan and Moore voting for)

Strengthening Communities Application – Walking Football NSW

12052024 **RESOLVED** that Council decline the application for funding of the Walking Football NSW Inc.

Moore/McGlynn
CARRIED

(Unanimously: Crs Crowe, Funnell, Keatley, Lord, McGlynn, Monaghan and Moore voting for)

Draft NSW Heavy Vehicle Access Policy

13052024 **RESOLVED** that Council make a submission to the draft NSW Heavy Vehicle Access Policy

Lord/McGlynn
CARRIED

(Unanimously: Crs Crowe, Funnell, Keatley, Lord, McGlynn, Monaghan and Moore voting for)

Request For Fee Relief

At this stage, 6.48pm, Cr Funnell left the meeting.

14052024 **RESOLVED** that request for a fee reduction for the West Wyalong Basketball Association for the 2023 / 2024 basketball season lay on the table and be considered at the June 2024 Council meeting.

Lord/McGlynn
CARRIED

(Unanimously: Crs Crowe, Keatley, Lord, McGlynn, Monaghan and Moore voting for)

At this stage, 6.58pm, Cr Funnell returned to the meeting.

REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

15052024 **RESOLVED** that the following reports, provided for information only, be received and noted:

- 6.13 - Community Development Report
- 6.14 - Bland Shire Youth Services Report
- 6.15 - Bland Shire Library Monthly Update
- 6.16 - Children Services February Update
- 6.17 - Bland Shire Community Care Report
- 6.18 - Bland Shire Museum Advisor Report
- 6.19 - Technical Services Report
- 6.20 - Development Services Activity Report

Moore/Crowe
CARRIED

(Unanimously: Crs Crowe, Funnell, Keatley, Lord, McGlynn, Monaghan and Moore voting for)

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

16052024 **RESOLVED** that Council endorse the Committee meeting minutes as presented.

Keatley/Funnell
CARRIED

(Unanimously: Crs Crowe, Funnell, Keatley, Lord, McGlynn, Monaghan and Moore voting for)

NOTICE OF MOTION

PROPOSED that until a full review and the passing by Council of an updated and amended LEP and DCP all development applications for multiple dwellings (sic) in any R1, R5, RU1 and RU5 zones be referred to full council for determination.

Lord/McGlynn

AMENDMENT proposed that until a full review and the passing by Council of an updated and amended LEP and DCP all development applications for two or more dwellings on one lot in any R1, R5, RU1 and RU5 zones be referred for discussion at a Council Workshop prior to full council for determination.

Lord/McGlynn

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

17052024 **RESOLVED** that until a full review and the passing by Council of an updated and amended LEP and DCP all development applications for two or more dwellings on one lot in any R1, R5, RU1 and RU5 zones be referred for discussion at a Council Workshop prior to full council for determination.

Lord/McGlynn
CARRIED

(4/3: Crs Keatley, Lord, McGlynn, Monaghan voting for and Crs Crowe, Funnell and Moore voting against)

PROPOSED that any removal of trees greater than 3 metres in height be referred to council until this review has been completed.

Lord/McGlynn
LOST

(3/4: Crs Keatley, Lord, McGlynn, voting for and Crs Crowe, Funnell, Monaghan and Moore voting against)

CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

18052024 RESOLVED that Council close the Ordinary meeting of Council to discuss the following matter:

1. Consideration of the General Manager's Total Remuneration Package

Local Government Act 1993 (Section 10A(2))

The matters and information are the following:

- a) personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than councillors)

Moore/Crowe

CARRIED

(Unanimously: Crs Crowe, Funnell, Keatley, Lord, McGlynn, Monaghan and Moore voting for)

At this stage, the Acting General Manager and Director Technical Services left the meeting. The meeting then closed to the public at 7.49pm.

Consideration of the General Manager's Total Remuneration Package

Local Government Act 1993 (Section 10A(2))

The matters and information are the following:

a) personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than councillors)

19052024 RESOLVED:

1. That in accordance with clause 8.4 (a) the total remuneration package of the General Manager's Contract of Employment be increased by 4% for the duration of the Contract.
2. The increase of the General Manager's Total Remuneration Package be applied from the anniversary of his Contract of Employment being, 1 August 2023.

Funnell/Crowe

CARRIED

(Unanimously: Crs Crowe, Funnell, Keatley, Lord, McGlynn, Monaghan and Moore voting for)

20052024 RESOLVED that Council move out of closed Council and into open Council.

Crowe/Moore

CARRIED

(Unanimously: Crs Crowe, Funnell, Keatley, Lord, McGlynn, Monaghan and Moore voting for)

At the reopening of the meeting to the public the Chair announced the outcome of resolution number **19052024**.

There being no further business the meeting then closed at 7.53pm.

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Chairperson
Mayor Brian Monaghan