

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF BLAND HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS WEST WYALONG ON TUESDAY 13 AUGUST 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), M Clark, R Crowe, J Funnell, K Keatley, T Lord, L McGlynn, R Moore General Manager (G Baker), Director Corporate & Community Services (A Balind), Manager Operations (W Manners) and Executive Assistant (J Sharpe)

Apologies

Director Technical Services (R Graham)

DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS

Councillor/ Officer	Item	Nature of Interest	Reason	How Managed
Cr Funnell	6.5 – Endorsement of Revised Revenue Policy 2024/25 – Stadium Fees	Less than significant non-pecuniary	Personal	Written disclosure
Mr Baker	8.1 – General Manager Annual Performance Review for period ending 30 June 2024	Pecuniary	Personal	Written disclosure and left the meeting
Mrs Balind	8.1 – General Manager Annual Performance Review for period ending 30 June 2024	Pecuniary	Personal	Written disclosure and left the meeting
Cr Crowe	6.10 – Sealing Central Road – Funding Contribution		Personal	Verbal

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Ordinary Meeting held on 16 July 2024

01082024 **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on 16 July 2024 be confirmed as a correct record of proceedings.

Funnell/Keatley
CARRIED

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

Audio/Visual System

02082024 **RESOLVED** that the motion passed at the Council meeting on July 16 2024 regarding the Audio/Visual system be rescinded.

Lord/McGlynn
CARRIED

(5/3: Crs Clark, Keatley, Lord, McGlynn, Monaghan voting for and Crs Crowe, Funnell and Moore voting against)

Audio/Visual System

03082024 **RESOLVED** that an Audio or Audio/visual system for recording of Council Meetings be reviewed following the submission of full costing of the purchase and installation of a system, and to identify within the current budget, where amendments can be made to maintain the current bottom line, as approved by Council.

Lord/McGlynn

CARRIED

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

REPORTS FROM STAFF

Monthly Status Report – Council Meeting Actions: August 2024

04082024 **RESOLVED** that Council receive and note the Monthly Status Report - Council Meeting Actions: August 2024.

Keatley/Moore

CARRIED

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

Disclosure of Interest Returns

05082024 **RESOLVED** that Councillors note the Disclosure of Interest return requirements and accept the Disclosure of Interest Register as tabled.

Crowe/Funnell

CARRIED

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

Christmas 2024 – Council Closure

06082024 **RESOLVED:**

1. That Council note the closure of council offices from 3.00pm on Friday 20 December 2024 and reopen on Monday 6 January 2025.
2. That the Mayor and General Manager are delegated authority to deal with any urgent matters during the Christmas and New Year period for 2024 – 2025.

Crowe/Moore

CARRIED

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

Finance And Investment Report For July 2024

07082024 **RESOLVED:**

1. That Council receive and note the information contained within the Finance and Investment Report for the month of July 2024
2. That Council confirms the payment of accounts, for the period 01 July to 31 July 2024, summarised in the accounts summary totalling \$10,663,890.24

Moore/Clark

CARRIED

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

Endorsement of Revised Revenue Policy 2024/25 - Stadium Fees

08082024 RESOLVED that Council:

1. Endorses the amended fees and charges as part of the Revenue Policy 2024/25 and place it on public exhibition for a period of 28 days commencing 14 August 2024.
2. Should there be comments received from the community on the proposed amendment to the Bland Shire Council Revenue Policy 2024/25, a further report be prepared and presented to Council
3. Should there be no comment from the community within the 42-day commentary period, Council formally adopt the amendment to the Bland Shire Council Revenue Policy 2024/25

McGlynn/Moore

CARRIED

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

Community Benefit Fund Endorsement

09082024 RESOLVED that Council:

1. Endorse the Community Benefit Fund guidelines, and;
2. Authorise the General Manager to sign the agreement between Council and the Developer of the Wyalong Solar Farm.

Lord/Moore

CARRIED

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

NSW Agency Reporting for Bland Shire Council

10082024 RESOLVED that Council notes the submission of the Annual Agency Report on the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009 and Public Interest Disclosures was made to the relevant agencies within the statutory time frames.

Moore/Crowe

CARRIED

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

Strengthening Communities Application – Barmedman Community Centre Incorporated

11082024 RESOLVED that Council approve the application for funding of the Barmedman Community Centre Incorporated under the Strengthening Communities Fund in the amount of \$8,995 consisting of:

- a. \$6495 to go towards the purchase and installation of a projection screen and audio equipment at the Centre.
- b. \$2500 to go towards the hire and delivery of VMS Message Boards on the approaches to Barmedman for the 150 Year celebrations weekend.

Funnell/Crowe

CARRIED

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

Request for Financial Assistance – West Wyalong Charity Campdraft Committee

12082024 RESOLVED that Council approve the application for funding of the West Wyalong Charity Campdraft Committee under the Strengthening Communities Fund in the amount of \$4,000 to assist with the stock transport costs for the 2024 event.

McGlynn/Moore

CARRIED

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

Sealing Central Road – Funding Contribution

Cr Crowe declared an interest in the matter due to his employment with Graincorp.

13082024 RESOLVED that Council:

1. Accept the contribution of \$100,000 (inc GST) from Graincorp towards the sealing of Boundary Street from the Graincorp exit to Compton Road.
2. That Council fund the remainder of the works from the Roads to Recover allocation in the 2025/2026 financial year.

3. McGlynn/Lord

CARRIED

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

Endorsement of Revised Revenue Policy 2024/25 - Gravel Pit Royalties

14082024 RESOLVED that Council:

1. Propose an amended royalty payment for gravel pit extraction of \$0.80 per cubic metre within Council's Revenue Policy and place on public exhibition for a period of 28 days commencing 14 August 2024.
2. Should there be comments received from the community on the proposed amendment to the Bland Shire Council Revenue Policy 2024/25, a further report be prepared and presented to Council
3. Should there be no comment from the community within the 42-day commentary period, Council formally adopt the amendment to the Bland Shire Council Revenue Policy 2024/25

Lord/McGlynn

CARRIED

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

Four Shires Roads Safety Action Plan

15082024 RESOLVED that Council endorse the updated Bland Coolamon Junee and Temora Shires Action Plan 2021-2025.

Moore/Lord

CARRIED

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

Access Incentive Scheme Grant – 194 Main Street, West Wyalong

16082024 RESOLVED that Council approve the Access Incentive Scheme Grant application for Micson Constructions Pty Ltd at 194 Main Street, West Wyalong for \$5,000 to install accessible toilet and ramps to increase accessibility to and within the premises.

McGlynn/Moore

CARRIED

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

RFT Tender Girral Road Surface Upgrade

17082024 **RESOLVED** that Council:

1. Reject current offers based on the significant, additional costs associated with likely variations and additions to scope.
2. Not invite fresh tenders.
3. Pursuant to Clause 178 (3) (e) of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021* enter negotiations with suitable contractors for the Girral Road Surface Upgrade.
4. Authorises the General Manager to award the contract after the completion of the negotiation process.
5. That any extra funds required to complete the project be sourced from a suitable external funding option.

Lord/Clark
CARRIED

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

REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

18082024 **RESOLVED** that the following reports, provided for information only, be received and noted:

- 6.15 - Youth Services Report
- 6.16 - Bland Shire Library Monthly Update
- 6.17 - Children Services July Update
- 6.18 – Bland Community Care Services – July 2024
- 6.19 - Technical Services Report
- 6.20 - Development Services Activity Report – July 2024

Funnell/Moore
CARRIED

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

NOTICES OF MOTION

Strengthening Communities Grant Policy

19082024 **RESOLVED** that Council:

1. Review the strengthening community grant policy to include a maximum per annum funding of \$5000 per group.
2. Any in kind support be included in this allocation.
3. Any joint ventures be approved by a majority of Councillors.
4. Any funding greater than that allowed in the strengthening community fund must be included in the approved budget set for the year.

Clark/McGlynn
CARRIED

(5/3: Crs Clark, Keatley, Lord, McGlynn, Monaghan voting for and Crs Crowe, Funnell, Moore voting against)

CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

20082024 **RESOLVED** that Council close the Ordinary meeting of Council to discuss the following matter:

1. General Manager Annual Performance Review for the period ending 30 June 2024
Local Government Act 1993 (Section 10A(2))
The matters and information are the following:
a) personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than councillors)

Crowe/Funnell
CARRIED

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

At this stage, the General Manager, Director Corporate & Community Services and Manager Operations left the meeting.
The meeting then closed to the public at 7.26pm.

General Manager Annual Performance Review for the period ending 30 June 2024

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

The matters and information are the following:

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

21082024 RESOLVED:

1. That the Council note this Mayor's Minute which includes the General Manager's Performance Review Panel's position following the Annual Review for 2023/24.
2. Endorse the 2024/2025 Performance Agreement.
3. The General Manager's Total Remuneration Package be increased by 3.5% as a permanent increase to the TRP recognising the level of performance of the General Manager and Award increases for other staff.

Crowe/Funnell

CARRIED

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

22082024 RESOLVED that Council move out of closed Council and into open Council.

Moore/Funnell

CARRIED

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

At the reopening of the meeting to the public and staff the Chair announced the outcome of resolution number **21082024**.

There being no further business the meeting then closed at 7.36pm.

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Chairperson
Mayor Brian Monaghan