

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF BLAND HELD IN THE
COUNCIL CHAMBERS WEST WYALONG ON TUESDAY 18 FEBRUARY 2025,
COMMENCING AT 6.31PM**

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

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

ANNUAL PRAYER SESSION

Representatives from the Minister's Association led Council in prayer.

At this stage, 6.38pm Cr Crowe arrived.

ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES FOR NON-ATTENDANCE

Attendance

Crs B Monaghan (Mayor), H Brooks, M Carnegie, R Crowe, J Funnell, E Henderson, T Lord, L McGlynn, L Minogue
General Manager (G Baker), Director Corporate & Community Services (A Balind),
Director Technical Services (R Sexton) and Executive Assistant (J Sharpe)

Apologies

Nil

DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS

Councillor/ Officer	Item	Type of Conflict
Cr H Brooks	7.3 Hearts of Gold Festival	Non-Pecuniary Interest (Less than significant) the nature of the interest being Cr Brooks is an Executive member of the Hearts of Gold Committee.. Cr Brooks elected to leave the meeting and take no part in discussions or voting.
Cr H Brooks	7.16 – Children Services December/January Update	Standing Disclosure Non-Pecuniary Interest (Less than significant) the nature of the interest being Cr Brooks is a member of the Children's Services Unit Parent Committee. Cr Brooks elected to remain in the meeting and take no part in discussions or voting.

PUBLIC FORUM

At this stage Mr Joe Mammen from Evolution Mining addressed Council in relation to item 7.3 – Hearts of Gold Festival 2025.

At this stage Mr Jeff Gould addressed Council in relation to works on Girral Road Girral.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 28 January 2025

01022025 RESOLVED that the minutes of the Extraordinary Council meeting held on 28 January 2025 be confirmed as a correct record of proceedings.

Brooks/Carnegie
CARRIED

(Unanimously: Crs Brooks, Carnegie, Crowe, Funnell, Henderson, Lord, McGlynn, Minogue and Monaghan voting for)

Ordinary Council Meeting held on 17 December 2024

02022025 RESOLVED that the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on 17 December 2024 be confirmed as a correct record of proceedings.

Minogue/Funnell
CARRIED

(Unanimously: Crs Brooks, Carnegie, Crowe, Funnell, Henderson, Lord, McGlynn, Minogue and Monaghan voting for)

REPORTS FROM STAFF

Monthly Status Report – Council Meeting Actions: February 2025

03022025 RESOLVED that Council receive and note the Monthly Status Report - Council Meeting Actions: February 2025.

Brooks/Minogue
CARRIED

(Unanimously: Crs Brooks, Carnegie, Crowe, Funnell, Henderson, Lord, McGlynn, Minogue and Monaghan voting for)

Risk, Work Health and Safety Quarterly Report

04022025 RESOLVED that Council receive and note the Risk, Work Health and Safety Report for the quarter ending December 2024.

Lord/Funnell
CARRIED

(Unanimously: Crs Brooks, Carnegie, Crowe, Funnell, Henderson, Lord, McGlynn, Minogue and Monaghan voting for)

At this stage, 6.47pm Cr Books left the meeting

Hearts of Gold Festival 2025

PROPOSED on the motion of Cr Lord seconded Cr McGlynn that Council support the 2025 Hearts of Gold Festival by:-

- making a donation of \$10,000 from the 2024/25 Strengthening Communities budget, and,
- provisions be made for up to \$6,000 in the 2025/26 budget allocation providing traffic management services and venue hire costs.

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

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Lord/McGlynn
CARRIED

(Unanimously: Crs Carnegie, Crowe, Funnell, Henderson, Lord, McGlynn, Minogue and Monaghan voting for)

At this stage, 6.52pm Cr Books returned to the meeting

Finance And Investment Report - January 2025

06022025 RESOLVED:

1. That Council receive and note the information contained within the Finance and Investment Report for the month of January 2025
2. That Council confirms the payment of accounts, for the period 01 January to 31 January 2025, totalling \$1,884,900.31.

Minogue/Crowe
CARRIED

(Unanimously: Crs Brooks, Carnegie, Crowe, Funnell, Henderson, Lord, McGlynn, Minogue and Monaghan voting for)

Finance And Investment Report - December 2024

07022025 **RESOLVED:**

1. That Council receive and note the information contained within the Finance and Investment Report for the month of December 2024
2. That Council confirms the payment of accounts, for the period 01 December to 31 December 2024, totalling \$4,388,950.77.

Henderson/Carnegie

CARRIED

(Unanimously: Crs Brooks, Carnegie, Crowe, Funnell, Henderson, Lord, McGlynn, Minogue and Monaghan voting for)

Proposed changes to the Model Code of Meeting Practice

PROPOSED on the motion of Cr Brooks seconded Cr Henderson that Council endorses the draft submission to the NSW Office of Local Government proposed amendments to the Model Code of Meeting Practice.

AMENDMENT proposed on the motion of Cr Lord seconded Cr McGlynn that point 4. Changes to remote attendance at Council meetings be removed from Council's submission.

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

(2/7: Crs Lord, McGlynn voting for and Crs Brooks, Carnegie, Crowe, Funnell, Henderson, Minogue and Monaghan voting against)

08022025 **RESOLVED** that Council endorses the draft submission to the NSW Office of Local Government proposed amendments to the Model Code of Meeting Practice.

Brooks/McGlynn

CARRIED

(Unanimously: Crs Brooks, Carnegie, Crowe, Funnell, Henderson, Lord, McGlynn, Minogue and Monaghan voting for)

Adoption of the Payment of Expenses and Provision of Facilities to Councillors Policy

PROPOSED on the motion of Cr Henderson and seconded Cr Minogue that Council adopts the amended Payment of Expenses and Provision of Facilities to Councillors Policy.

AMENDMENT proposed on the motion of Cr Lord seconded Cr McGlynn that the Care and Related Expenses type be removed from the amended Payment of Expenses and Provision of Facilities to Councillors Policy.

On being put to the vote the motion was **LOST**

(2/7: Crs Lord, McGlynn voting for and Crs Brooks, Carnegie, Crowe, Funnell, Henderson, Minogue and Monaghan voting against)

AMENDMENT proposed on the motion of Cr McGlynn seconded Cr Funnell that Council adopts the amended Payment of Expenses and Provision of Facilities to Councillors Policy and that all Councillor expenses are reported publicly on a quarterly basis.

On being put to the vote the motion was **LOST**

(4/5: Crs Carnegie, Funnell, Lord, McGlynn voting for and Crs Brooks, Crowe, Henderson, Minogue and Monaghan voting against)

09022025 **RESOLVED** that Council adopts the amended Payment of Expenses and Provision of Facilities to Councillors Policy.

Henderson/Crowe

CARRIED

(6/3: Crs Brooks, Carnegie, Crowe, Henderson, Minogue, Monaghan voting for and Crs Funnell, Lord and McGlynn voting against)

Adoption of Social Media Policy

10022025 **RESOLVED** that Council adopts the revised Social Media Policy.

Henderson/Crowe

CARRIED

(Unanimously: Crs Brooks, Carnegie, Crowe, Funnell, Henderson, Lord, McGlynn, Minogue and Monaghan voting for)

Endorsement of the Community Strategic Plan 2025-2035

11022025 RESOLVED that Bland Shire Council endorse the *Community Strategic Plan 2025-2035 - Building a Sustainable Community: Empowering People, Promoting Fairness, and Achieving Progress*.

Lord/McGlynn

CARRIED

(Unanimously: Crs Brooks, Carnegie, Crowe, Funnell, Henderson, Lord, McGlynn, Minogue and Monaghan voting for)

Progress Report On Delivery Program to December 2024

12022025 RESOLVED that Council receive and note the report on the progress of the Delivery Program for the period 1 July 2024 to 31 December 2024.

Minogue/McGlynn

CARRIED

(Unanimously: Crs Brooks, Carnegie, Crowe, Funnell, Henderson, Lord, McGlynn, Minogue and Monaghan voting for)

Budget Review – December 2024 Quarter

13022025 RESOLVED:

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

Brooks/Funnell

CARRIED

(Unanimously: Crs Brooks, Carnegie, Crowe, Funnell, Henderson, Lord, McGlynn, Minogue and Monaghan voting for)

Seniors Festival 2025

14022025 RESOLVED that Council receive and note the report on the “Time to Shine” Seniors Festival 2025 for Bland Shire’s senior community members.

McGlynn/Funnell

CARRIED

(Unanimously: Crs Brooks, Carnegie, Crowe, Funnell, Henderson, Lord, McGlynn, Minogue and Monaghan voting for)

MA2025/0002 - S4.55(2) Modification of approved DA2022/0022 Electricity Generating Works (Solar Farm) - Alterations to the approved site layout

15022025 RESOLVED that Council approves MA2025/0002 - S4.55(2) Modification of approved Electricity Generating Works (Solar Farm) to alter the approved site layout subject to the conditions contained within the report.

Lord/McGlynn

CARRIED

(Unanimously: Crs Brooks, Carnegie, Crowe, Funnell, Henderson, Lord, McGlynn, Minogue and Monaghan voting for)

REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

16022025 RESOLVED that the following reports, provided for information only, be received and noted:

- 7.14 - Community Development Update
- 7.15 - Bland Shire Library Monthly Update
- 7.16 - Children Services December/January Update
- 7.17 - Bland Community Care Services Update December 2024 & January 2025
- 7.18 - Museum Advisory Report December 2024
- 7.19 - Technical Services Report
- 7.20 - Development Services Activity Report – January 2025
- 7.21 - Development Services Activity Report – December 2024

Funnell/Brooks

CARRIED

(Unanimously: Crs Brooks, Carnegie, Crowe, Funnell, Henderson, Lord, McGlynn, Minogue and Monaghan voting for)

GIRRAL ROAD PROJECT

17022025 RESOLVED that Council receive a detailed report at the March Council meeting that includes an updated scope, budget and timeline for the Girral Road project; and that a progress report be included in the monthly Council report.

Carnegie/Henderson

CARRIED

(Unanimously: Crs Brooks, Carnegie, Crowe, Funnell, Henderson, Lord, McGlynn, Minogue and Monaghan voting for)

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

18022025 RESOLVED that Council endorse the Committee meeting minutes as presented.

Brooks/Henderson

CARRIED

(Unanimously: Crs Brooks, Carnegie, Crowe, Funnell, Henderson, Lord, McGlynn, Minogue and Monaghan voting for)

CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

19022025 RESOLVED that Council close the Ordinary meeting of Council to discuss the following matters:

1. Lease of Land – 34 Showground Road West Wyalong
Local Government Act 1993 (Section 10A(2))
This matter is considered to be confidential, as it deals with information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.
2. Sale of Land – 11 and 13 Shamrock Street Wyalong
Local Government Act 1993 (Section 10A(2))
This matter is considered to be confidential, as it deals with information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.
3. Sale of Land – 2 Shamrock Street Wyalong
Local Government Act 1993 (Section 10A(2))
This matter is considered to be confidential, as it deals with information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.

McGlynn/Minogue

CARRIED

(Unanimously: Crs Brooks, Carnegie, Crowe, Funnell, Henderson, Lord, McGlynn, Minogue and Monaghan voting for)

The meeting then closed to the public at 8.02pm.

Lease of Land – 34 Showground Road West Wyalong

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

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20022025 RESOLVED that Council:

- a. Lease the West Wyalong Stock Yards (Lot 13 DP 1248694 being 34 Showground Road West Wyalong for the period ending 31 August 2028 to West Wyalong Livestock Agents Pty Ltd at \$20,000 per annum (ex GST), and,
- b. Delegates to the Mayor and General Manager the authority to execute lease documents and other required documents for the lease.

McGlynn/Crowe

CARRIED

(Unanimously: Crs Brooks, Carnegie, Crowe, Funnell, Henderson, Lord, McGlynn, Minogue and Monaghan voting for)

Sale of Land – 11 and 13 Shamrock Street Wyalong

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

This matter is considered to be confidential, as it deals with information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.

- 21022025** **RESOLVED** that Council delegates to the Mayor and General Manager the authority to execute documents and place the Councils seal on the Sales Contracts and other required documents for the sale of:-
- a. Lot 1 being 11 Shamrock Street Wyalong at the sales price of \$221,508 (ex GST), and
 - b. Lot 2 being 13 Shamrock Street Wyalong at the sales price of \$180,376 (ex GST).

Lord/Minogue
CARRIED

(Unanimously: Crs Brooks, Carnegie, Crowe, Funnell, Henderson, Lord, McGlynn, Minogue and Monaghan voting for)

Sale of Land – 2 Shamrock Street Wyalong

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

This matter is considered to be confidential, as it deals with information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.

- 22022025** **RESOLVED** that that the sale of land at 2 Shamrock Stret Wyalong be deferred to the March 2025 Council meeting.

Henderson/Minogue
CARRIED

(Unanimously: Crs Brooks, Carnegie, Crowe, Funnell, Henderson, Lord, McGlynn, Minogue and Monaghan voting for)

- 23022025** **RESOLVED** that Council move out of closed Council and into open Council.

Minogue/Crowe
CARRIED

(Unanimously: Crs Brooks, Carnegie, Crowe, Funnell, Henderson, Lord, McGlynn, Minogue and Monaghan voting for)

The meeting then resumed at 8.14pm.

At the reopening of the meeting to the public the Chair announced the outcome of resolution numbers **20022025**, **21022025** and **22022025**.

There being no further business the meeting then closed at 8.15pm.

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Chairperson
Mayor Brian Monaghan