

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF BLAND HELD IN THE
COUNCIL CHAMBERS WEST WYALONG ON TUESDAY 18 MARCH 2025, 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), H Brooks, M Carnegie, J Funnell, E Henderson, T Lord, L McGlynn, L Minogue

General Manager (G Baker)(remote), Director Corporate & Community Services (A Balind), Director Technical Services (R Sexton), Manager Operations (W Manners) and Executive Assistant (J Sharpe)

Apologies

R Crowe

01032025 RESOLVED that the apology submitted by Cr Crowe be accepted and leave of absence granted.

Minogue/Henderson

CARRIED

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

DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS

Nil

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Ordinary Council Meeting held on 18 February 2025

02032025 RESOLVED that the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on 18 February 2025 be confirmed as a correct record of proceedings.

Brooks/Funnell

CARRIED

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

REPORTS FROM STAFF

Monthly Status Report – Council Meeting Actions: March 2025

03032025 RESOLVED that Council reschedule the additional Council Workshop proposed for April 22 to April 29 2025.

Lord/McGlynn

CARRIED

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

04032025 RESOLVED that Council receive and note the Monthly Status Report - Council Meeting Actions: March 2025.

Minogue/Lord

CARRIED

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

Disclosure of Interest Returns

05032025 **RESOLVED** that Councillors note the Disclosure of Interest return requirements and accept the Disclosure of Interest Register as tabled.

Henderson/Funnell

CARRIED

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

Employee Council Agreement 2024-2027

06032025 **RESOLVED** that Council endorse the revised Employee's Council Agreement for the period from 1 December 2024 to 30 November 2027 covering all Bland Shire Council staff employed under the Local Government (State) Award and that the Agreement be submitted to the relevant unions for execution.

Lord/Carnegie

CARRIED

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

Voluntary Planning Agreement – Cowal Gold Operations Open Pit Continuation Project

This item was withdrawn pending further information and discussion at Council Workshop.

Finance and Investment Report for February 2025

07032025 **RESOLVED:**

1. That Council receive and note the information contained within the Finance and Investment Report for the month of February 2025
2. That Council confirms the payment of accounts, for the period 01 February to 28 February 2025, totalling \$8,353,957.70.

Brooks/Carnegie

CARRIED

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

ARIC Independent Chair and Members Fee Reduction for Extraordinary Meetings

08032025 **RESOLVED** that Council adopts a 50% reduction in the daily rate for ARIC members attending extraordinary ARIC meetings to only review financial statements where it is not possible to align meetings with other Internal Audit Alliance councils.

Minogue/Brooks

CARRIED

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

Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Strategic Plan and Internal Audit Charter

09032025 **RESOLVED:**

1. That Council adopts the amended Internal Audit Charter
2. That Council adopts the ARIC Strategic Plan

Henderson/Funnell

CARRIED

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

Seniors Festival 2025

10032025 **RESOLVED** that Council receive and note the report on the "Time to Shine" Seniors Festival 2025 for Bland Shire's senior community members.

Minogue/McGlynn

CARRIED

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

Girral Road Upgrade

11032025 RESOLVED that Council receive and note the progress report on the Girral Road upgrade project

McGlynn/Minogue
CARRIED

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

Animal Shelter Construction Report

12032025 RESOLVED Council receives this report and note the report on the tender evaluation process for the Animal Shelter and the contract award to Micson Construction Pty. Ltd to the value of \$544,477.70 excl. GST.

Funnell/McGlynn
CARRIED

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

Parking & Enforcement

PROPOSED on the motion of Cr Funnell seconded Cr McGlynn that Council re-endorse the enforcement of existing parking signage in West Wyalong.

AMENDMENT proposed on the motion of Cr McGlynn seconded Cr Henderson that further information in relation to a parking education program be presented to Council ahead of re-endorsement of the enforcement of existing parking signage.

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

13032025 RESOLVED that further information in relation to a parking education program be presented to Council ahead of re-endorsement of the enforcement of existing parking signage.

McGlynn/Henderson
CARRIED

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

DA2024/0058 - Multi Dwelling Housing (9 dwellings) and Consolidation of 2 lots into 1 lot

PROPOSED on the motion of Cr McGlynn seconded Cr Funnell that Council approve DA2024/0058 - Multi Dwelling Housing (9 dwellings) and Consolidation of 2 into 1 lots, subject to development consent conditions.

AMENDMENT proposed on the motion of Cr Henderson seconded Cr Minogue that consideration of DA2024/0058 be deferred for further information to be provided at the April Council Workshop.

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

14032025 RESOLVED that consideration of DA2024/0058 be deferred for further information to be provided at the April Council Workshop.

Henderson/Minogue
CARRIED

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

DA2025/0023 – Dual Occupancy (Detached) under State Environmental Planning Policy (Housing) 2021, Division 1 In-fill affordable housing

PROPOSED on the motion of Cr McGlynn seconded Cr Henderson that Council approves DA2025/0023 - Dual Occupancy (detached) subject to the conditions of consent.

AMENDMENT proposed on the motion of Cr Lord seconded Cr McGlynn that consideration of DA2025/0023 be deferred for further information to be provided at the April Council Workshop.

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

15032025 RESOLVED that consideration of DA2025/0023 be deferred for further information to be provided at the April Council Workshop.

Lord/McGlynn
CARRIED

(5/3: Crs Carnegie, Lord, McGlynn, Minogue and Monaghan voting for and Crs Brooks, Funnell and Henderson voting against)

REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

16032025 RESOLVED that the following reports, provided for information only, be received and noted:

- 6.14 - Economic Development & Tourism Report
- 6.15 - Community Development Report
- 6.16 - Bland Shire Library Monthly Update
- 6.17 - Children Services February Update
- 6.18 - Bland Community Care Services Update February '25
- 6.19 - Technical Services Report
- 6.20 - Development Services Activity Report – February 2025

Funnell/McGlynn
CARRIED

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

17032025 RESOLVED that Council endorse the Committee meeting minutes as presented.

Funnell/Brooks
CARRIED

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

There being no further business the meeting then closed at 8.00pm.

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Chairperson
Mayor Brian Monaghan