



BLAND SHIRE COUNCIL
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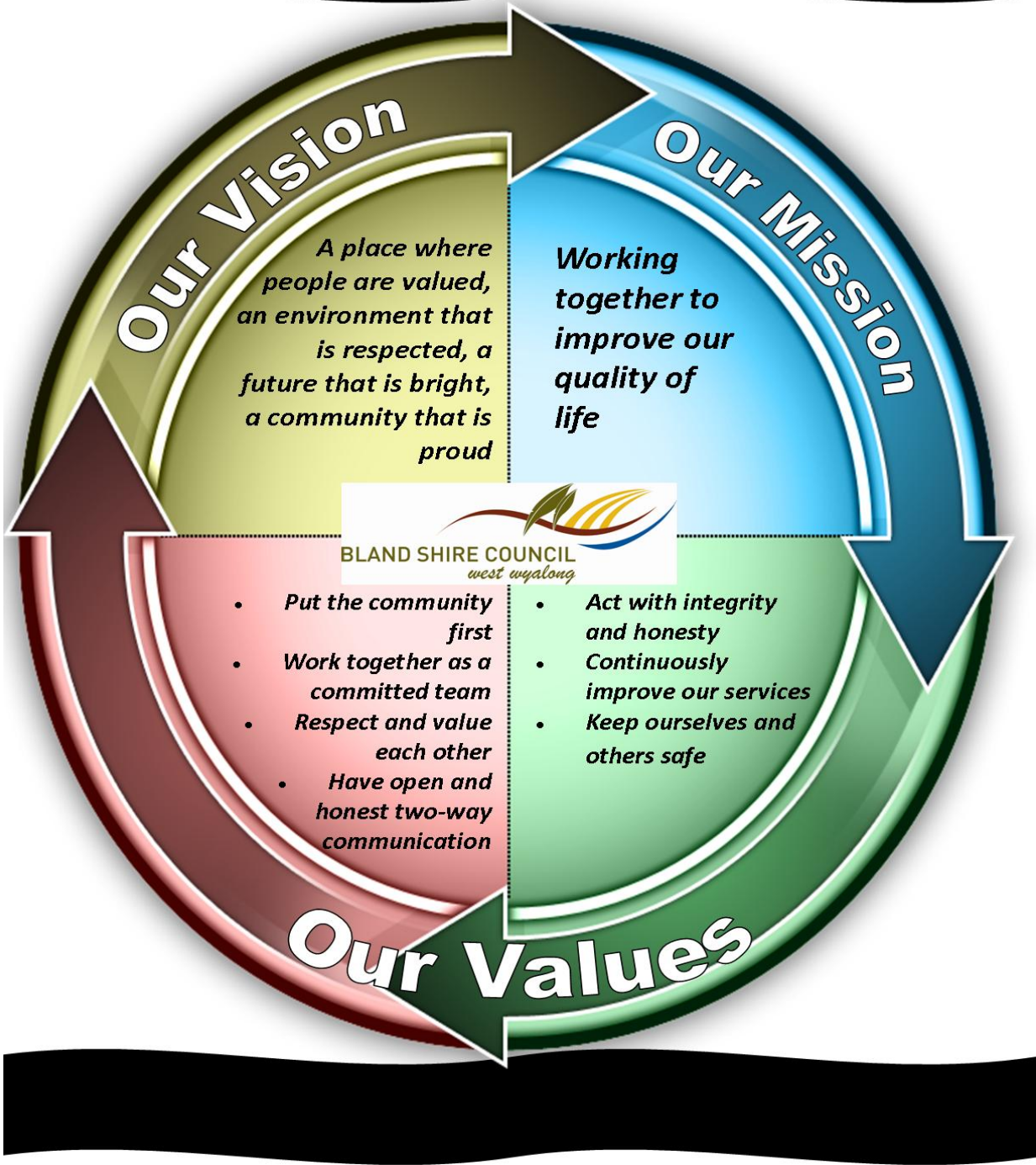
Bland Shire Council

Minutes

21 August 2012



OUR VISION, MISSION AND VALUES





MINUTES
COUNCIL MEETING
21 August 2012

1.0 PRAYER

The meeting was opened by the Mayor with a prayer at 6.33pm.

2.0 ATTENDANCE

2.1 Councillors

Cr AB Buttenshaw
Cr B Cooper
Cr P Grellman
Cr K Keatley
Cr AC Lord
Cr EA McGlynn
Cr NR Pokoney
Cr DL Smith

2.2 Staff

General Manager – Ray Smith
Director Engineering Services – Will Marsh
Director Corporate Services – Elizabeth White
Director Community & Development Services – Adele Casey
Executive Assistant – Julie Sharpe

2.3 Apologies

Cr H Mangelsdorf

Council Recommendation:

01082012 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Smith seconded Cr Grellman that leave of absence be granted for Cr Mangelsdorf. CARRIED

3.0 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

3.1 Ordinary Meeting held on 17 July 2012

- **Corrections**
Nil

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MAYOR

- **Confirmation**
That the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on 17 July 2012 be confirmed as a correct record of proceedings.

Council Recommendation:

02082012 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Grellman seconded Cr Cooper that the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on 17 July 2012 be confirmed as a correct record of proceedings. CARRIED

- **Business Arising**
Nil

4.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor/Officer	Item	Nature of Interest
Cr Grellman	Member – Bland District Historical Society Inc	Non-Pecuniary

5.0 PUBLIC FORUM
Nil

6.0 MAYORAL MINUTE

6.1 Category C Application

Council Recommendation:

03082012 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Pokoney seconded Cr Smith that the Mayoral Minute in relation to the Category C Application be received and noted. CARRIED

In relation to the devastating floods our Shire experienced last March I can draw no other conclusion than the Federal Government has ignored us and the State Government is toying with us.

I accept the number of submissions from the rural sector the first time around was not sufficient to declare a Cat C. Perhaps this was because so many farmers were too busy repairing the damage one of the worst floods in living memory had caused. The second application however is a different story, over 250 farmer submissions representing a total damage bill of over \$23M. This was given to the State Government on the 5th July. Seven weeks later we still wait for a determination, despite assurances made to me over three weeks ago that a decision would be made by now. Surely this is bureaucracy at its worst.

Our Local member, Adrian Piccoli must be too good a bloke because despite his strong representations on our behalf his Government has chosen to ignore him. You would think a Minister in the O'Farrell Government would be listened to, but apparently not.

We have written to the Attorney General, Nicola Roxon on two occasions. Once in June and the other more recently in July. On neither occasion has she bothered to respond to our pleas for assistance. The Attorney General hasn't acknowledged our letters in any way. This can only send a message to our community that we just don't come into their calculations. I think it is very disappointing.

The people of the Bland Shire devastated by these floods have every right to feel abandoned. Government at both Federal and State level have ignored their plight.

Up until now our community has been committed to completing the necessary Political and bureaucratic processes. It was difficult enough the first time to wait three months for the State Government to make a decision but in this instance, in regards to our second submission we feel we are being "strung-along. The bureaucrats have had our second application for seven weeks. There can be no possible justification for this. It just isn't good enough, we feel terribly let down. One of the worst floods in living memory can't get us across the line for a Cat C determination. What do we have to suffer to meet their requirements?

What really rubs salt into the wound is that thousands of Wagga residents were eligible for Government support within days of their flood event, even though not one drop of water entered their properties. Conversely the residential and business sector of Ungarie went under water and they can get nothing. Is it any wonder there is anger and frustration in the Ungarie community?

There are still people dislocated from their community in Ungarie. Six months after this flood people still can't return to their homes and business'. Some are forced to live in houses without floor coverings, walls and electricity. Some are living in the back yard in caravans. Some have had to temporarily leave town. I'd like to see some of our politicians live under these conditions. It might ground them a little.

The agricultural sector right across our Shire must be shaking their heads in disbelief. Thankfully Blaze Aid provided some support to some of the worst affected but with over \$23M damage there is still a significant negative ongoing legacy from this flood. It will have a long term impact on many of our farmers. People are in desperate need of State Government support. It is way past the time for the O'Farrell Government to step in. I am sure there are many people from our agricultural sector who expected a more understanding and supportive response from a Coalition Government. I am sure they feel let down badly.

The whole Cat C process is floored. It is broken. It doesn't work. It leaves those who need help the most left in a bureaucratic limbo. It needs to be fixed as a matter of urgency before we have another natural disaster and another community finds itself in the awful situation Bland Shire finds itself in.

7.0 NOTICES OF MOTION
Nil

8.0 DELEGATES REPORTS

Nil

9.0 ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nil

10.0 STAFF REPORTS

That the Council receive the staff reports.

SECTION 1 – OFFICE OF THE GENERAL MANAGER

10.1 MONTHLY STATUS REPORT – AUGUST

Council Recommendation:

04082012 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Cooper seconded Cr McGlynn that the information contained in the August 2012 monthly status report be received and noted. **CARRIED**

10.2 MANAGEMENT PLAN 2011-2016 – QUARTERLY REVIEW

Council Recommendation:

05082012 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr McGlynn seconded Cr Lord that the quarterly 2011-2016 Management Plan review to 30 June 2012 be received and noted. **CARRIED**

10.3 COUNCIL ACHIEVEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD 2008 TO 2012

Council Recommendation:

06082012 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr McGlynn seconded Cr Smith that the details of Council's major achievements for the period 2008 to 2012 be received and noted. **CARRIED**

10.4 MEETING ARRANGEMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 2012

Council Recommendation:

07082012 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Cooper seconded Cr Lord that Council endorse the following meeting arrangements for September 2012:

- Tuesday 18 September – Councillor Induction Session commencing at 5.30pm
- Wednesday 19 September – Councillor Induction Session commencing at 5.30pm
- Tuesday 25 September – Ordinary Council Meeting incorporating the Election of Mayor and appointment to committees. **CARRIED**

10.5 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST RETURNS

Council Recommendation:

08082012 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Lord seconded Cr Keatley that Councillors note the Disclosure of Interest return requirements and accept the Disclosure of Interest Register as tabled. **CARRIED**

10.6 REVIEW OF FUNDING OF FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES IN NSW

Council Recommendation:

09082012 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Grellman seconded Cr McGlynn:

1. That the new funding arrangements between Council and the NSW SES be gratefully acknowledged by Council;
2. That Council agree to the following arrangements with the SES vehicles:
 - 2001 Ford Courier – be gifted back to the SES
 - 2010 Nissan Navara – be gifted back to the SES. **CARRIED**

10.7 BLAND DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC. – LEASE OF MUSEUM

Council Recommendation:

10082012 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Grellman seconded Cr Smith:

A. That the following amendments be made to Council's previous resolution in respect to the lease arrangements between the Bland District Historical Society Inc. and Bland Shire Council for the Society's occupation of the former Wyalong Court House:

1) Term of Lease

That the term of the lease between Bland Shire Council and the Bland District Historical Society Inc. be for an initial 10 years with a ten year option.

2) Use of Museum Grounds

That a special clause be placed in the lease that allows Council use of the surrounding grounds in consultation with the Bland District Historical Society Inc.

3) Payment of Water Rates

That the Bland District Historical Society Inc be exempt from the payment of water rates on the basis that the bulk of the water is used for watering the lawns and gardens and that there is very minimal use of water by the Society.

4) Memorandum of Understanding

That the General Manager be delegated authority to finalise a new Memorandum of Understanding between Bland Shire Council and the Bland District Historical Society Inc. based on the original document but with some minor changes to maintenance responsibilities.

B. That the General Manager now finalise the preparation and execution of the necessary Lease documentation. CARRIED

10.8 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING REQUIREMENTS

Council Recommendation:

11082012 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Lord seconded Cr Keatley that Council support the efforts of Lane Cove Council to amend the Local Government Act to allow councils the option of advertising by electronic means by making appropriate representations to the NSW Premier, Mr. Barry O'Farrell. CARRIED

10.9 ONE ASSOCIATION – OUTCOME OF BALLOT

Council Recommendation:

12082012 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Cooper seconded Cr Smith that the information on the outcome of the Ballot on One Association confirming the voting in favour by 220 to 66 be received and noted. **CARRIED**

10.10 GOLDENFIELDS WATER COUNTY COUNCIL – MINUTES 28 JUNE 2012

Council Recommendation:

13082012 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr McGlynn seconded Cr Lord that the Council receives and notes the minutes of the Goldenfields Water County Council meeting held on 28th June 2012. **CARRIED**

10.11 MINUTES OF REROC BOARD MEETING – 26 JUNE 2012

Council Recommendation:

14082012 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr McGlynn seconded Cr Lord that the information relating to Minutes of the REROC Board meeting held on 26 June 2012 be received and noted. **CARRIED**

SECTION 2 - CORPORATE SERVICES

10.12 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – JULY 2012

Council Recommendation:

15082012 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Lord seconded Cr Cooper:

- 1. That Council receive and note the statement of Bank Balances, Rates Collections and Investments for the month of July, 2012.**
- 2. That Council confirms the payment of accounts, for the period 1 July 2012 to 31 July 2012, summarised in the accounts summary totalling \$2,256,476.66.**
CARRIED

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10.13 BLAND SHIRE COUNCIL REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AUSTRALIA RIVERINA PROJECTS

Council Recommendation:

16082012 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr McGlynn seconded Cr Lord that Council endorses the projects identified in this report to be put forward to Regional Development Australia Riverina for consideration and information and that any progress with any of the projects is reported back to Council:

- Airport;
- Cooinda Reserve and Rotary Park;
- Cultural Precinct;
- Industrial Lands;
- Renewable Energy Project. **CARRIED**

10.14 MATCHING FUNDS FOR THE BLAND SHIRE HERITAGE, GOLD TRAILS AND TOURS

Council Recommendation:

17082012 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Lord seconded Cr Buttenshaw that Bland Shire Council matches Barrick Cowal's \$80,000 contribution towards the Bland Shire Heritage, Gold Trails and Tours, (\$80,000 Barrick Cowal & \$80,000 Bland Shire Council = \$160,000). **CARRIED**

Council Recommendation:

PROPOSED on the motion of Cr Buttenshaw seconded Cr Lord that Bland Shire Council seeks additional matching funds up to the amount of \$105,000 and that Bland Shire Council matches the \$105,000 to be allocated towards the Bland Shire Heritage, Gold Trails and Tours, (\$105,000 to be sourced and \$105,000 from Bland Shire Council = \$210,000).

AMENDMENT proposed on the motion of Cr Grellman seconded Cr Keatley that the matter be deferred until the October 2012 Council meeting and in the interim the project works be referred to the Wetlands/Cooinda Working Party for consideration.

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

18082012 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Grellman seconded Cr Keatley that the matter be deferred until the October 2012 Council meeting and in the interim the project works be referred to the Wetlands/Cooinda Working Party for consideration. **CARRIED**

10.15 BLAND SHIRE TOURIST INFORMATION SHELTERS

Council Recommendation:

19082012 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Buttenshaw seconded Cr Lord:

1. That Council endorse the recommendation of the Tourism Advisory Committee for Council to obtain information and costs to erect Tourist Information Shelters, similar to the one at Junee, at the following locations:
 - West Wyalong x 3
 - Wyalong x 1
 - Ungarie x 1
 - Barmedman x 1
 - Weethalle x 1
 - Tallimba x 1
 - Mirrool x 1
2. That the first three (3) shelters be constructed at the following locations:
 - McCann Park
 - Herridge Park
 - Mirrool. CARRIED

SECTION 3 – COMMUNITY & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

10.16 HEALTH AND WELLBEING COMMITTEE – APPRECIATION – WEST WYALONG AMBULANCE

Council Recommendation:

20082012 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Smith seconded Cr Grellman that boards of appreciation be presented to the staff of the Ambulance Service in West Wyalong for their dedication to the community. CARRIED

10.17 COMMUNITY DONATIONS – GARDEN AND FLORAL ART CLUB

Council Recommendation:

21082012 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr McGlynn seconded Cr Lord that Council approves a donation of \$360 to assist the West Wyalong Garden and Floral Art Club with judges expenses, promotion and other costs associated with its annual flower show and garden competition with the exception of prize money. CARRIED

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10.18 DONATION – WEST WYALONG WOMENS BOWLING CLUB

Council Recommendation:

22082012 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr McGlynn seconded Cr Keatley that Council approves the Community Donation Application submitted by the West Wyalong Women’s Bowling Club for sponsorship of the West Wyalong Women’s Bowling Club Triples Carnival to the value of \$460 inclusive of GST. CARRIED

10.19 ACCESS INCENTIVE SCHEME GRANT – TALLIMBA HALL COMMITTEE

Council Recommendation:

23082012 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Grellman seconded Cr Cooper that Council approves the Access Incentive Grant from the Tallimba Public Hall Committee for the amount of \$3779 inclusive of GST. CARRIED

10.20 COMMUNITY GRANTS AND DONATIONS POLICY

Council Recommendation:

24082012 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr McGlynn seconded Cr Cooper that the Community Donations and Grants Policy be adopted by Council. CARRIED

SECTION 4 – ENGINEERING SERVICES

10.21 AMENDED PLANT REPLACEMENT FOR 2012-2013

Council Recommendation:

25082012 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Grellman seconded Cr Lord that Council purchase a new skid steer and trailer plus two caravans in lieu of the new grader which was part of the adopted 2011 – 2012 plant replacement program. CARRIED

10.22 PESTICIDE USE NOTIFICATION PLAN

Council Recommendation:

26082012 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr McGlynn seconded Cr Buttenshaw that the attached Pesticide Use Notification Plan be adopted. CARRIED

10.23 TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING – 7 AUGUST 2012

Council Recommendation:

27082012 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr McGlynn seconded Cr Keatley that Council adopt the attached Traffic Advisory Committee minutes for the meeting held on 7 August 2012. CARRIED

10.24 PARKING LAYOUT FOR MAIN STREET WEST WYALONG

Council Recommendation:

28082012 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr McGlynn seconded Cr Grellman that the proposed parking layout be approved with the taxi location trial continuing for consideration at the October 2012 Council meeting. CARRIED

10.25 BUS ZONE OUTSIDE BLAND SHIRE'S CHILDREN SERVICES, PINE STREET WEST WYALONG

Council Recommendation:

29082012 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Grellman seconded Cr McGlynn that a 40 metre bus zone be established outside Bland Shire's Children Services. Hours of operation to be 8.30am to 9.30am, and 2.30pm to 3.30pm. CARRIED

SECTION 5 – REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

Council Recommendation:

30082012 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Cooper seconded Cr Keatley that the following reports, provided for information only, be received and noted:

- **10.26 – Engineering Services Report**
- **10.27 – Development Statistics – July 2012**
- **10.28 – Status of Commercial Development Applications Under Consideration – August 2012**
- **10.29 – Ranger Activities**
- **10.30 – Community Services Report**
- **10.31 – Bland Shire Economic Development & Tourism Report – August. CARRIED**

11.0 URGENT BUSINESS WITHOUT NOTICE

Nil

12.0 QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS

Cr Grellman

- Stated that the weeds display and information available at the Weethalle Show was well attended and congratulated the staff for their enthusiasm

Cr Cooper

- Stated that his first term on Council has been satisfying, productive and the relationships fruitful. He is proud of progress made and hopes the new Council can maintain momentum
- Conveyed thanks and best wishes to Crs Smith and Mangelsdorf in their retirement from Council

Cr Buttenshaw

- Stated that the number of nominations received is pleasing and the opportunity for the community to vote. Hopes that the next Council is proactive.

Cr Smith

- Wished nominees well in the upcoming election and hopes that the new Council works hard for the community

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Cr Lord

- Stated that he has enjoyed his time with Council and hopes it continues and noted the positive, proactive and constructive works carried out by the Council for the community and district, conveyed thanks to Councillors for their support
- Conveyed best wishes to Crs Smith and Mangelsdorf
- Noted the outstanding election promise to return funds from mining back to local communities for infrastructure projects and the need to lobby for this campaign

Cr McGlynn

- Queried the corner design for Main Street near the Bowen Clinic
DES advised that the matter is taken on notice
- Advised of potholes in the lane parallel to Operator Street near the cricket pitch (Short Lane)
- Advised that she will be unable to attend the Councillor Induction sessions if elected
- Conveyed congratulations to Dr William for employing an additional doctor. As a result there are now 4 doctors practicing in West Wyalong
- Conveyed sincere thanks to Crs Smith and Mangelsdorf and acknowledged their contributions to the Shire
- Conveyed thanks to the current Council and staff

Cr Keatley

- Conveyed thanks for the opportunity to be part of Council over the past 18 months, stated that he has learned a lot, enjoyed his time and wished everyone well

Cr Pokoney

- Requested an update on the Main Street works
DES advised that there had been delays however the final nib has now been installed, electrical cable is being laid for lights, seating and bollard installation is in progress, efforts will be focussed on completion of each nib, existing hedges to remain where possible, works expected to be completed within the next couple of weeks
- Conveyed his appreciation to the General Manager and staff
- Acknowledged the achievements of the current Council, thanked them for their support and stated that this has been the most productive term he has served. Conveyed congratulations and well wishes to Crs Smith and Mangelsdorf in their retirement from Council. Stated it has been a privilege and he is proud of the collective achievements on behalf of the community

Mr Smith, General Manager

- Advised that RSVPs are due by 7 September for the Council dinner
- Requested that Council laptops be returned by 8 September
- Conveyed thanks to Councillors on behalf of the staff and wished them well in the upcoming election.

13.0 CLOSURE OF THE MEETING TO DISCUSS CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 10A(2) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT
Nil

**14.0 RESUMPTION OF THE MEETING AND CONSIDERATION OF
RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CLOSED SECTION OF THE MEETING**
Nil

15.0 CLOSE OF THE MEETING
There being no further business the meeting then closed at 8.55pm.

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Chairperson

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