

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF BLAND HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS WEST WYALONG ON TUESDAY 19 MARCH 2024, COMMENCING AT 6.30PM**

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

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

**PUBLIC FORUM**

Mr A. McGlynn addressed Council in relation to item 6.16 specifically DA2024/0017.

**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 Technical Services (R Graham) and Executive Assistant (J Sharpe)

**Apologies**

Director Corporate & Community Services (A Balind)

**DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS**

<b>Councillor/ Officer</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Nature of Interest</b>	<b>How Managed</b>
Cr L McGlynn	6.16 – Development Services Activity Report – February 2024	Less than significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest	Written disclosure and left meeting
Mayor B Monaghan	6.8 – Proposed Road Closure – Gordons Lane	Pecuniary conflict of interest	Written disclosure and left meeting

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**Ordinary Meeting held on 20 February 2024**

**01032024** **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on 20 February 2024 be confirmed as a correct record of proceedings.

Moore/Clark  
**CARRIED**

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

**REPORTS FROM STAFF**

**Monthly Status Report – Council Meeting Actions: March 2024**

**02032024** **RESOLVED** that Council receive and note the Monthly Status Report - Council Meeting Actions: March 2024.

Keatley/Funnell  
**CARRIED**

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

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### **Endorsement of Communication and Engagement Strategy**

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**03032024** **RESOLVED** that Council defer consideration of the Draft Communication and Engagement Strategy to the April Council meeting.

McGlynn/Keatley  
**CARRIED**

(7/1: Crs Clark, Funnell, Keatley, Lord, McGlynn, Monaghan and Moore voting for and Cr Crowe voting against)

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### **Why Leave Town Cards**

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**04032024** **RESOLVED** that Council receive and note the Why Leave Town Cards report.

Clark/Funnell  
**CARRIED**

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

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### **Delegates Report – Mining and Energy Related Councils**

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**05032024** **RESOLVED** that the Delegates Report for the Mining and Energy Related Councils February Meeting be received and noted.

McGlynn/Lord  
**CARRIED**

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

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### **Finance and Investment Report for February 2024**

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**06032024** **RESOLVED:**

1. That Council receive and note the information contained within the Finance and Investment Report for the month of February 2024
2. That Council confirms the payment of accounts, for the period 01 February to 29 February 2024, summarised in the accounts summary totalling \$5,182,536.62

Crowe/Moore  
**CARRIED**

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

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### **Mornings, Melodies & Memories Budget Request**

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**07032024** **RESOLVED** that Council:

1. Approve the use of the amount of \$14,000 in the Social Plan Implementation Budget for the continuation of the Mornings, Melodies and Memories Program until the end of the financial year.
2. Consider an allocation for the Mornings, Melodies and Memories Program to continue in the 2024/25 budget.
3. Staff undertake a review of the Program prior to the preparation of the 2025-2026 budget and identify options for co-contributions from participants to support the sustainability of the program.

Funnell/Clark  
**CARRIED**

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

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### **Request for Financial Assistance – West Wyalong Horse Sports and Rodeo Association**

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**08032024** **RESOLVED** that Council approve a request for \$2,000 financial support for the West Wyalong Horse Sports and Rodeo Association to assist with the 2024 event costs for the Annual Rodeo.

McGlynn/Moore  
**CARRIED**

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

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### **Proposed Road Closure – Gordons Lane**

At this stage, 7.08pm Mayor Monaghan vacated the Chair and left the meeting. Deputy Mayor Lord took the Chair.

**09032024** **RESOLVED** that Council:

1. endorse the closure of the public road known as Gordons Lane between Clear Ridge Road and Blands Lane
2. that the closure be subject to all parties along the road agreeing to the closure and funding Council's road closure application fees and all other associated fees including, advertising, survey, legal and land purchasing costs
3. receive a further report to consider any submissions lodged during the notification period to determine the approval for the proposal
4. receive a further report to consider the property valuers report and determination of any sale price.

Moore/Keatley  
**CARRIED**

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

At this stage, 7.13pm Deputy Mayor Lord vacated the Chair and Mayor Monaghan returned.

### **Active Travel Plan Final Report**

**10032024** **RESOLVED** that Council adopt the Bland Shire Active Transport Plan.

Moore/Funnell  
**CARRIED**

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

### **REPORTS FOR INFORMATION**

At this stage, 7.18pm Cr McGlynn left the meeting.

**11032024** **RESOLVED** that the following reports, provided for information only, be received and noted:

- 6.10 - Community Development Report
- 6.11 - Bland Shire Library Monthly Update
- 6.12 - Children Services February Update
- 6.13 - Bland Shire Museum Advisor Report – February 2024
- 6.14 - Bland Shire Museum Advisor Report – March 2024
- 6.15 - Technical Services Report
- 6.16 - Development Services Activity Report – February 2024

Keatley/Clark  
**CARRIED**

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

At this stage, 7.45pm, Cr McGlynn returned to the meeting.

### **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

**12032024** **RESOLVED** that Council endorse the Committee meeting minutes as presented.

Moore/Funnell  
**CARRIED**

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

### **CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS**

**13032024** **RESOLVED** that Council close the Ordinary meeting of Council to discuss the following matters:

1. 583 Newell Highway, Wyalong  
*Local Government Act 1993 (Section 10A(2))*  
*The matters and information are the following:*  
*c) information that would, if disclosed confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business*

Moore/Crowe  
**CARRIED**

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

The meeting then closed to the public at 7.51pm.

**583 Newell Highway, Wyalong**

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

*The matters and information are the following:*

*c) information that would, if disclosed confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business*

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**14032024 RESOLVED** that Council:-

- a. enter into a Heads of Agreement with 2 Degrees Electrify Pty Ltd for the land identified as 583 Newell Highway Wyalong, incorporating those parcels of land identified in the General Managers report.
- b. allocate funding within the 2024/25 Operational Plan for strategic planning work to commence on 583 Newell Highway Wyalong for the investigation and planning works related to supporting a future rezoning.

Moore/Lord  
**CARRIED**

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

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**15032024 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)

The meeting then resumed at 7.54pm.

At the reopening of the meeting to the public the Chair announced the outcome of resolution number **14032024**.

There being no further business the meeting then closed at 7.55pm.

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Chairperson  
Mayor Brian Monaghan