

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF BLAND HELD IN THE
COUNCIL CHAMBERS WEST WYALONG ON TUESDAY 19 NOVEMBER 2024,
COMMENCING AT 6.31PM**

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, J Funnell, E Henderson, T Lord, L McGlynn, L Minogue, M Carnegie

General Manager (G Baker), Acting Director Corporate & Community Services (L Bryant), Acting Director Technical Services (Z Wrobel) and Acting Executive Assistant (M Uys)

Apologies

Cr R Crowe,
Director Corporate & Community Services (A Balind)

DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS

Councillor/ Officer	Item	Nature of Interest	Description	How Managed
Cr L McGlynn	8.15 – Strengthening Communities Application – West Wyalong Hospital Auxiliary	Less than significant non- pecuniary	Member of the West Wyalong Hospital Auxiliary	Written disclosure
Cr L Minogue	8.22 – DA2024/0039 – Waste or Resource Management Facility – Addition of Waste Disposal Facility (private ancillary landfill) to existing Resource Recovery Facility (scrap metal recycling facility)	Less than significant non- pecuniary	Social Connection from being a resident of Barmedman	Written disclosure
Cr H Brooks	8.26 – Children Services Report	Less than significant non- pecuniary	Personal	Standing written disclosure
Cr L Minogue	General disclosure	Less than significant non- pecuniary	Personal	Standing written disclosure

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Ordinary Meeting held on 15 October 2024

01112024 RESOLVED that the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on 15 October 2024 be confirmed as a correct record of proceedings.

Henderson/Carnegie
CARRIED

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

REPORTS FROM STAFF

Audit Report – 2023/2024 General Purpose Financial Statements

At this stage Danielle McKenzie from Crowe Australasia addressed Council and presented the annual audit presentation.

02112024 **RESOLVED** that Council adopt the 2023/24 Financial Statements and Auditors Report as submitted to the NSW Office of Local Government.

Funnell/Minogue

CARRIED

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

Finance And Investment Report For October 2024

03112024 **RESOLVED** that Council:

- 1) receive and note the information contained within the Finance and Investment Report for the month of October 2024
- 2) confirms the payment of accounts, for the period 01 October to 31 October 2024, totalling \$6,329,135.97

Carnegie/Minogue

CARRIED

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

Budget Review – September 2024 Quarter

04112024 **RESOLVED** that the:

- 1) Quarterly Budget Review Statement for September 2024 be received and noted, and
- 2) Council endorses the Statement acknowledging the financial position is considered satisfactory.

Brooks/Henderson

CARRIED

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

Carry Forward Works 2023/24

05112024 **RESOLVED** that Council approve the requested budget adjustments, as detailed in the Carry Forward document, for the amount of \$175,643 to be carried forward to the 2024/25 financial period.

Henderson/Brooks

CARRIED

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

Australia Day Funding – Village Community Events

PROPOSED Cr Henderson seconded Minogue that Council receive and note the information contained within the Australia Day Funding – Village Community Events report.

AMENDMENT proposed Cr McGlynn seconded Cr Lord

- 1) Council receive and note the information contained within the Australia Day Funding – Village Community Events report
- 2) and that each village will receive up to \$500 from the Australia Day funding subject to National Australia Day Council approval and upon receipt of appropriate invoices.

06112024 RESOLVED

- 1) Council receive and note the information contained within the Australia Day Funding – Village Community Events report
- 2) and that each village will receive up to \$500 from the Australia Day funding subject to National Australia Day Council approval and upon receipt of appropriate invoices.

McGlynn/Lord
CARRIED

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

Council Meeting and Workshop Dates 2025

07112024 RESOLVED that Council adopt the Council Meeting and Workshop Schedule for 2025 as provided in Attachment A.

Funnell/Brooks
CARRIED

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

Endorsement of the State of the Shire Report 2021-2024

08112024 RESOLVED that:

- 1) Council endorses the State of the Shire Report 2021-2024.
- 2) the State of the Shire Report 2021-2024 be published on Council's website.
- 3) the NSW Office of Local Government be advised accordingly.

Minogue/Lord
CARRIED

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

Adoption Of Social Media Policy

09112024 RESOLVED that:

- 1) Council endorses the revised Social Media Policy and places it on public exhibition from Friday 22 November 2024 for a period of 28 days.
- 2) following the period of exhibition and submission period to allow for written submissions to be made, any suggested amendments to the plan be made and a further report be presented to Council prior to its formal adoption.

Carnegie/Minogue
CARRIED

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

Code of Conduct Reporting for Bland Shire Council 2023-2024

10112024 RESOLVED that Council notes the submission of the Annual Agency Report on the Code of Conduct Complaints Statistics was made to the Office of Local Government within the statutory time frames.

Brooks/Henderson
CARRIED

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

Endorsement of the Bland Shire Code of Conduct

- 11112024** **RESOLVED** that Council:
- 1) endorse the existing Bland Shire Council Code of Conduct 2020 and Procedures for the Administration of the Code of Conduct 2020 until the completion of the Councillor Conduct Framework Review by the Office of Local Government.
 - 2) seek Expressions of Interest from suitably qualified persons to be included on Council's Panel of Conduct Reviewers.

Brooks/Henderson

CARRIED

(7/1 Brooks, Carnegie, Funnell, Henderson, Lord, Minogue and Monaghan voting for and McGlynn voting against)

Endorsement of the Bland Shire Council Code of Meeting Practice

PROPOSED Cr Brooks seconded Cr Carnegie that:

- 1) Council endorse the Bland Shire Council Code of Meeting Practice.
- 2) at the completion of the Councillor Conduct Framework review process, and should it be required, a revised Code of Meeting Practice be prepared for further consideration by Council.

AMENDMENT proposed Cr Minogue seconded Cr Brooks that:

- 1) Council endorse the Bland Shire Council Code of Meeting Practice subject to replacing clause 3.9 as: -. 'A councillor may give notice of any business they wish to be considered by the council at its next ordinary meeting by way of a notice of motion. To be included on the agenda of the meeting, the notice of motion must be in writing and must be submitted by 5pm at least eight (8) days before the meeting is to be held.'
- 2) at the completion of the Councillor Conduct Framework review process, and should it be required, a revised Code of Meeting Practice be prepared for further consideration by Council.

12112024 **RESOLVED**

- 1) Council endorse the Bland Shire Council Code of Meeting Practice subject to replacing clause 3.9 as: -. 'A councillor may give notice of any business they wish to be considered by the council at its next ordinary meeting by way of a notice of motion. To be included on the agenda of the meeting, the notice of motion must be in writing and must be submitted by 5pm at least eight (8) days before the meeting is to be held.'
- 2) at the completion of the Councillor Conduct Framework review process, and should it be required, a revised Code of Meeting Practice be prepared for further consideration by Council.

Minogue/Lord

CARRIED

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

Endorsement of the DRAFT Community Strategic Plan 2025-2035

- 13112024** **RESOLVED** that:
- 1) Council endorse the Draft Community Strategic Plan 2025-2035 - Building a Sustainable Community: Empowering People, Promoting Fairness, and Achieving Progress and place it on public exhibition from Friday 22 November 2024 until Friday 31 January 2025 for community comment and feedback.
 - 2) following the period of exhibition and submission period to allow for written submissions to be made, any suggested amendments to the plan be made and a further report be presented to Council prior to its formal adoption.

Funnell/Brooks
CARRIED

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

Endorsement of the DRAFT Payment of Expenses and Provision of Facilities to Councillors Policy

- 14112024** **RESOLVED** that:
- 1) Council endorses the DRAFT Payment of Expenses and Provision of Facilities to Councillors Policy and places it on public exhibition for a period of 28 days from Friday 20 November 2024 for community comment.
 - 2) following the period of exhibition and a minimum period of 14 days following be permitted to allow for written submissions to be made, a further report be presented to Council prior to the formal adoption of the Policy.

Henderson/Brooks
CARRIED

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

Strengthening Communities Application – Naradhan P&C Association

- 15112024** **RESOLVED** that Council approve the application for funding of the Naradhan P&C Association under the Strengthening Communities Fund in the amount of \$1,969.

Funnell/McGlynn
CARRIED

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

Strengthening Communities Application – West Wyalong Hospital Auxiliary

- 16112024** **RESOLVED** that Council approve the application for funding of the West Wyalong Hospital Auxiliary under the Strengthening Communities Fund in the amount of \$968.

Minogue/Brooks
CARRIED

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

Monthly Status Report – Council Meeting Actions: October 2024

- 17112024** **RESOLVED** that Council receive and note the Monthly Status Report - Council Meeting Actions: October 2024.

Henderson/Brooks
CARRIED

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

Submission – Councillor Conduct and Meeting Practices

- 18112024** **RESOLVED** that Council endorse the draft submission to the NSW Office of Local Government discussion paper on the new framework for the councillor conduct and meeting practices.

Carnegie/Brooks
CARRIED

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

Bland Shire Australia Day Awards Committee

19112024 **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Australia Day Awards Committee meeting held on 12 November 2024, be received and noted

Minogue/Henderson

CARRIED

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

Annual Report 2023/2024

20112024 **RESOLVED** that:

- 1) Council receives and notes the Bland Shire Council Annual Report for the year 2023/24.
- 2) the 2023/24 Bland Shire Council Annual Report be published on Council's website.
- 3) the NSW Office of Local Government be advised accordingly.

Henderson/Funnell

CARRIED

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

Retail Energy Tender Small Sites

21112024 **RESOLVED** that Council:

- 1) participates in the joint REROC small sites' electricity tender,
- 2) acknowledge that there are extenuating circumstances surrounding the procurement of electricity due to the short validity period of offers (approx. 2-3 days) from electricity retailers where anything longer than this is likely to include a price risk component and as such Council should be excused from the tendering requirements under S55(3)(i) of the LG Act for the procurement of electricity for small tariff sites,
- 3) delegates the authority to accept or reject the recommended retailer to the General Manager.

Lord/Henderson

CARRIED

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

Wyalong/West Wyalong Floodplain Committee

22112024 **RESOLVED** that Council:

- 1) determine to appoint a Councillor and their alternate as delegates to the Wyalong/West Wyalong Floodplain Committee.
- 2) advertise for community representatives for the Wyalong/West Wyalong Floodplain Committee
- 3) Cr Lord and Cr Carnegie were appointed as delegates to the Wyalong/West Wyalong Floodplain Committee.

Funnell/Lord

CARRIED

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

DA2024/0039 – Waste or Resource Management Facility – Addition of Waste Disposal Facility (private ancillary landfill) to existing Resource Recovery Facility (scrap metal recycling facility)

23112024 **RESOLVED** that Council Approve DA2024/0039 - Waste or Resource Management Facility – Addition of Waste Disposal Facility (private ancillary landfill) to existing Resource Recovery Facility (scrap metal recycling facility) at 68 Mandamah Road, Barmedman subject to Conditions of Consent.

Funnell/McGlynn

CARRIED

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

REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

24112024 RESOLVED that the following reports, provided for information only, be received and noted:

- 8.23 – Economic Development & Tourism Report
- 8.24 - Community Development Report
- 8.25 - Bland Shire Library Monthly Update
- 8.26 - Children Services October Update
- 8.27 - Bland Community Care Services Update October 2024
- 8.28 - Technical Services Report
- 8.29 - Development Services Activity Report – October 2024

Henderson/Funnell

CARRIED

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

NOTICES OF MOTION

Chambers and Workshops

PROPOSED Cr McGlynn seconded Cr Lord that:

- A. Councillors Seating Arrangement
 1. That Councillors seating positions return to the previous arrangements and combinations where all Councillors can see and interact with each other. This would be achieved by creating two-quarter circles.
 2. As councillors enter the Chamber, they select a number each month that allocates their seat for the meeting
- B. Open the Workshops to the Public
 1. That all workshops are open to the Public as soon as possible for transparency.
 2. No video, audio recordings or links.

Cr McGlynn withdrew item B from the motion

The Chair upon agreeance from the chamber took separate votes on item A1 and A2.

25112024 RESOLVED That Councillors seating positions return to the previous arrangements and combinations in a semi-circle.

McGlynn/Lord

CARRIED

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

PROPOSED As councillors enter the Chamber they select a number each month that allocates their seat for the meeting on a trial period till April 2025.

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

(2/6 Crs McGlynn & Lord voting for and Brooks, Carnegie, Funnell, Henderson, Minogue and Monaghan voting against)

There being no further business the meeting then closed at 7.59pm.

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Chairperson
Mayor Brian Monaghan