

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF BLAND HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS WEST WYALONG ON TUESDAY 15 JULY 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, R Crowe, J Funnell, E Henderson, L McGlynn, L Minogue
General Manager (G Baker), Director Corporate & Community Services (A Balind), Acting Director Technical Services (R Sexton) and Executive Assistant (J Sharpe)

Apologies

T Lord

01072025 RESOLVED that the apologies submitted by Cr Lord be accepted and leave of absence granted.

Minogue/McGlynn
CARRIED

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

DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS

Councillor/ Officer	Item	Type of Conflict
Cr H Brooks	6.14 – Children Services Update April 2025	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.
Mayor B Monaghan	6.1 – Monthly Status Report – Council Meeting Actions: May 2025	Standing Disclosure Pecuniary Conflict of Interest the nature of the interest being a landholder of property nearby to Gordons Lane West Wyalong. Mayor Monaghan elected to remain in the Chair.
Mrs A Balind	6.8 – Sale of Land for Unpaid Rates	Non-Pecuniary Interest (Less than significant) the nature of the interest being Mrs Balind's daughter is an employee at a local Real Estate. Mrs Balind elected to remain in the meeting.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Ordinary Council Meeting held on 17 June 2025

02072025 RESOLVED that the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on 17 June 2025 be confirmed as a correct record of proceedings.

Funnell/Brooks
CARRIED

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

REPORTS FROM STAFF

Monthly Status Report – Council Meeting Actions: July 2025

03072025 RESOLVED that Council receive and note the Monthly Status Report - Council Meeting Actions: July 2025.

Minogue/Crowe
CARRIED

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

Road Maintenance Memorandum of Understanding – Cowal Gold Operations Open Pit Continuation Project

PROPOSED on the motion of Cr Henderson seconded Cr Brooks that Council:

1. Accept the offer from Evolution Mining to increase the road maintenance contribution under the Road Maintenance Memorandum of Understanding by 50%.
2. Approve the Mayor and General Manager to sign the Road Maintenance Memorandum of Understanding Variation Deed.

On being put to the vote the motion was LOST

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

04072025 RESOLVED: That council defer the Road Maintenance Memorandum Of Understanding – Cowal Gold Operations Open Pit Continuation Project to a future meeting until more information has been obtained.

McGlynn/Minogue
CARRIED

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

Endorsement of Community Engagement Strategy

05072025 RESOLVED:

1. Endorse the Draft 2025 Community Engagement Strategy and place it on public exhibition 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.

Funnell/Brooks
CARRIED

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

Risk, Work Health and Safety Quarterly Report

06072025 RESOLVED that Council receive and note the Risk, Work Health and Safety Report for the quarter ending June 2025.

Crowe/Brooks
CARRIED

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

Delegates Report – National General Assembly

07072025 RESOLVED that the Delegates Report for the National General Assembly be received and noted.

Henderson/Minogue
CARRIED

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

Delegates Report – Mining and Energy Related Councils

08072025 RESOLVED that the Delegates Report for the Mining and Energy Related Councils June Meeting be received and noted.

Henderson/Brooks
CARRIED

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

Finance and Investment Report for June 2025

09072025 RESOLVED that Council

1. Receive and note the information contained within the Finance and Investment Report for the month of June 2025.
2. Confirms the payment of accounts, for the period 01 June to 30 June 2025, totalling \$13,282,136.89.

Minogue/Crowe
CARRIED

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

Sale of Land for Unpaid Rates

10072025 RESOLVED that Council authorise the General Manager, or in their absence the Director Corporate and Community Services, to determine the reserve prices for the properties listed for sale for unpaid rates, in accordance with Section 713 of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

Henderson/Brooks
CARRIED

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

Strengthening Communities Application – WalknTalk Fundraiser

11072025 RESOLVED that Council decline the Strengthening Communities Grant application for funding from the WalknTalk fundraiser as it is inconsistent with the Strengthening Community Grants Guidelines.

Brooks/Minogue
CARRIED

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

Bland Shire Council Onsite Sewage Management Strategy 2025-2030

12072025 RESOLVED

1. That Council endorse the draft Bland Shire Council Onsite Sewage Management Strategy 2025-2030 and place it on public exhibition for a period of twenty-eight (28) days from 16 July 2025.
2. Should there be comments received from the community on the draft Bland Shire Council Onsite Sewage Management Strategy 2025-2030, a further report be prepared and presented to Council.
3. Should there be no comment from the community within the 42-day commentary period, Council formally adopt the Bland Shire Council Onsite Sewage Management Strategy 2025-2030.

Henderson/Funnell
CARRIED

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

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

13072025 RESOLVED that Council approve DA2024/0058 - Multi Dwelling Housing (9 dwellings) and Consolidation of 2 into 1 lots, subject to development consent conditions contained within the Town Planners report.

Crowe/Carnegie
CARRIED

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

Co-funding Proposed Saloon Car Drag Strip in West Wyalong

14072025 RESOLVED that Council approve the allocation of \$1.5m from unrestricted cash (invested funds) toward the development of the Saloon Car Drag Strip in West Wyalong, and be included in the Quarterly Budget Review Statement for Q1 2025/26.

McGlynn/Henderson
CARRIED

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

Minutes of the Traffic Advisory Committee-Meeting held 25 June 2025

15072025 RESOLVED that Council:

1. Receive and note the minutes of the Bland Shire Traffic Advisory Committee, held 25 June 2025.
2. Approve the installation of No Parking signs at 194 Main Street, West Wyalong, outside Micson Constructions.
3. Relocate street furniture at road crossings on Main Street to the correct locations for better line of sight which would be on the other side (departure) of the lay backs.
4. Remove one single parking space at the southeastern corner of Barnado and Church Streets and install hatching with white paint so that it is no longer a parking space, and that the large shrub be removed/replaced with a smaller shrub for better sight when leaving the carpark, and publicise this modification once completed.

Funnell/Minogue
CARRIED

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

Delegates Report – Local Roads Congress 2025

16072025 RESOLVED that Council adopt the outcomes of the IPWEA Roads Congress 2025 Communique in accordance with the Manager Operations report.

Minogue/Henderson
CARRIED

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

REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

17072025 RESOLVED that the following reports, provided for information only, be received and noted:

- 6.15 Economic Development & Tourism Report
- 6.16 Community Development Report
- 6.17 Bland Shire Library Monthly Update
- 6.18 Children Services June Update
- 6.19 Bland Community Care Services Update
- 6.20 Bland Shire Council Museum Advisor Report
- 6.21 Technical Services Report

Henderson/Brooks
CARRIED

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

18072025 RESOLVED that Council endorse the Committee meeting minutes as presented.

Henderson/Crowe
CARRIED

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

There being no further business the meeting then closed at 8:19pm.

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Chairperson
Mayor Brian Monaghan