

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF BLAND HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS WEST WYALONG ON TUESDAY 16 APRIL 2024, COMMENCING AT 6.30PM**

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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), M Clark, R Crowe (arrived 6.35pm), J Funnell, K Keatley, T Lord, L McGlynn, R Moore

General Manager (G Baker), Director Corporate & Community Services (A Balind) (remote attendance), Director Technical Services (R Graham) and Executive Assistant (J Sharpe)

**Apologies**

Nil

**DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS**

Nil

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**Ordinary Meeting held on 19 March 2024**

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**01042024** **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on 19 March 2024 be confirmed as a correct record of proceedings.

Clark/Funnell

**CARRIED**

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

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**REPORTS FROM STAFF**

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

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**02042024** **RESOLVED** that Council receive and note the Monthly Status Report - Council Meeting Actions: April 2024.

Moore/Keatley

**CARRIED**

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

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**Risk, Work Health and Safety Quarterly Report**

At this stage, 6.35pm, Cr Crowe arrived.

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**03042024** **RESOLVED** that Council receive and note the Risk, Work Health and Safety Report for the quarter ending March 2024.

Funnell/Lord

**CARRIED**

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

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**Finance and Investment Report For March 2024**

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**04042024** **RESOLVED:**

1. That Council receive and note the information contained within the Finance and Investment Report for the month of March 2024
2. That Council confirms the payment of accounts, for the period 01 March to 31 March 2024, summarised in the accounts summary totalling \$3,800,835.76.

Lord/Moore

**CARRIED**

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

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### **Endorsement of Draft Operational Plan, Budget and Revenue Policy for 2024/2025**

**05042024 RESOLVED** that the Endorsement of the Draft Operational Plan, Budget and Revenue Policy for 2024/2025 lay on the table.

McGlynn/Moore

**CARRIED**

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

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### **Barmedman Community Committee**

**06042024 RESOLVED** that Council:

- a) Receive and note the minutes of the Barmedman Community Committee, held on Tuesday, 26 March 2024.
- b) Supports the Barmedman Community Committee recommendation to place the Section 355 Committee into hiatus for a period of three months.
- c) Be provided with a report following the hiatus period to decide on the future of the Barmedman Community Committee and the funds associated with the Committee.

Moore/Funnell

**CARRIED**

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

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### **Regional Emergency Roads Repair Fund**

**07042024 RESOLVED** that Council endorse the program of works for the Regional Emergency Roads Repair Fund in accordance with the Director Technical Services report.

Moore/Keatley

**CARRIED**

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

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### **Changes to Weeds Action Program Funding Arrangements**

**08042024 RESOLVED** that the report on the changes to the Weeds Action Program Funding Arrangements be received and noted.

Lord/Clark

**CARRIED**

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

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### **Endorsement of Draft Operational Plan, Budget and Revenue Policy for 2024/2025**

**09042024 RESOLVED** that Council consider the Endorsement of the Draft Operational Plan, Budget and Revenue Policy for 2024/2025.

McGlynn/Moore

**CARRIED**

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

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**10042024 RESOLVED:**

1. That the draft Operational Plan (including the draft Budget) for the 2024/2025 Financial Year and the draft Revenue Policy (including draft Schedule of Fees and Charges) for the 2024/2025) Financial Year be endorsed and placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days, commencing 19 April 2024, in accordance with the legislative requirements of the Local Government Act 1993.
2. That a revised Operational Plan 2024/2025 (including the Budget for the 2024/2025 Financial Year) and the Revenue Policy (including Fees and Charges 2024/2025) incorporating all public comments, submissions and input from staff and Councillors to the DRAFT documents be provided to the Ordinary Council meeting to be held on 18 June 2024 for final adoption.

3. The Statement of Rating Structure and their respective short names as contained in the Operational Plan 2024/25 and make the Ordinary Rate and charges, including sewer charges, domestic and trade waste management charges, pursuant to s.494 and s.496 of the Local Government Act 1993 and Waste Management Levy pursuant to s.501 of the Local Government Act 1993 detailed in the tables below

2024/25 Rate Structure			
Category / Sub-Category	Base amount	Ad-valorem	% Yield from Base Amount
<b>Residential</b>			
Ordinary Rate	\$99.00	0.003805	28.63%
West Wyalong/Wyalong	\$180.00	0.005910	22.17%
Barmedman	\$99.00	0.004461	38.42%
Ungarie	\$99.00	0.009390	36.77%
<b>Business</b>			
Ordinary Rate	\$180.00	0.006677	26.63%
West Wyalong/Wyalong	\$210.00	0.015398	11.32%
Barmedman	\$99.00	0.005099	34.12%
Ungarie	\$99.00	0.016124	24.09%
<b>Farmland</b>			
Ordinary Rate	\$99.00	0.001683	2.94%
<b>Mining</b>			
Mining	\$210.00	0.002660	14.39%
Gold Mining	\$210.00	0.022574	0.02%

2024/25 Sewer Charges	
	Access Charge
Connected	\$1,064.00
Vacant Land	\$256.00

2024/25 Domestic Waste Management Charges			
	240L	120L	VACANT
Domestic Service This applies to all land which is occupied and/or built upon.	\$510.00	\$403.00	\$44.00
Additional Garbage Charge - per bin	\$510.00	\$403.00	

2024/25 Trade Waste Management Charges			
	240L	120L	VACANT
Trade Waste Service This applies to land categorised as Business Land and which is provided by Council with a trade waste removal service.	\$548.00	\$440.00	
Additional Garbage Charge - per bin	\$548.00	\$440.00	

2024/25 Waste Management Levy	
This waste management charge is applied to all properties funding waste disposal services for the Bland Shire.	\$44.00

2024/25 Stormwater Levy	
	Annual Charge
Residential Property	\$25.00
Strata Title	\$12.50
Business Property up to 350m2	\$25.00
Business Property over 350m2	\$50.00

McGlynn/Lord  
**CARRIED**

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

## REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

**11042024 RESOLVED** that the following reports, provided for information only, be received and noted:

- 6.8 - Community Development Report
- 6.9 - Youth Services Report
- 6.10 - Bland Shire Library Monthly Update
- 6.11 - Children Services February Update
- 6.12 - Technical Services Report
- 6.13 - Development Services Activity Report – March 2024

Moore/Funnell  
**CARRIED**

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

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

**12042024 RESOLVED** that Council endorse the Committee meeting minutes as presented.

Keatley/Funnell  
**CARRIED**

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

There being no further business the meeting then closed at 7.33pm.

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Chairperson  
Mayor Brian Monaghan