

**MINUTES OF THE BLAYNEY SHIRE COUNCIL ORDINARY MEETING  
HELD IN THE BLAYNEY SHIRE COMMUNITY CENTRE,  
ON 23 JUNE 2014, COMMENCING AT 6.00 PM**

Present: Crs G Braddon OAM, A Ewin, D Kingham, S Oates, K Radburn and D Somervaille.

General Manager (Mr G Wilcox), Director Corporate Services (Mr A Franze), Director Infrastructure Services (Mr G Baker), Director Planning & Environmental Services (Mr M Dicker), Manager Financial Services (Mr C Hodge).

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

**RECORDING OF MEETING STATEMENT**

**APOLOGIES**

**1406/001 RESOLVED:**  
That the apology, tendered on behalf of Cr Ferguson, be accepted. (Somervaille/Radburn).

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**1406/002 RESOLVED:**  
That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 12 May 2014, being minute numbers 1405/001 to 1405/014 be confirmed. (Radburn/Braddon)

**MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

Cr Kingham enquired about the Opening of the Newbridge Road Bridge and Garland Road Bridge. It was confirmed that the Opening will be on Wednesday 2 July 2014.

**DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

Nil.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

Kim Menzies – Operational Plan and Blayney Shire Council.

**MAYORAL MINUTE**

Deputy Mayor gave an overview of the proposed Operational Plan (item number 8).

**GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORTS**

**GENERAL MANAGER'S CONTRACT REVIEW**

**1406/003 RESOLVED:**  
1. That Council conduct a review of the General Managers

performance in accordance with Clause 7 of the contract and that the Mayor, the Deputy Mayor and Cr Radburn undertake this review. (Kingham/Oates)

#### **LOCAL GOVERNMENT ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

1406/004

##### **RESOLVED:**

1. That Council discuss and submit issues relevant to local government impacts at a local and regional level to the Conference Coordinator for inclusion on the business agenda.
2. That Council approve the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and General Manager to attend the LGNSW Annual Conference.
3. That the establishment of regional divisional groups to consider and place motions forward to the 2015/2016 conference be established in the Association rules as existed previously under the Shires Association. (Braddon/Radburn)

#### **CORPORATE SERVICES REPORTS**

##### **QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW - MARCH 2014**

1406/005

##### **RESOLVED:**

1. That the Review of Council's 2013/2014 Operational Plan including budget review as at 31 May 2014 be noted.
2. That the adjustments to votes of income and expenditure and restricted cash (reserves) be adopted. (Radburn/Somervaille)

##### **2014/2015 COUNCILLOR AND MAYORAL FEES**

1406/006

##### **RESOLVED:**

1. That the Councillor and Mayoral annual fee remain the same as 2013/14. (Braddon/Kingham)

##### **REPORT OF COUNCIL INVESTMENTS AS AT 31 MAY 2014**

1406/007

##### **RESOLVED:**

1. That the report indicating Council's investment position as at 31 May 2014 be received and noted.
2. That the certification of the Responsible Accounting Officer be noted and the report be adopted. (Kingham/Braddon)

##### **REPORT ON CONTRACTUAL CONDITIONS OF SENIOR STAFF**

1406/008

##### **RESOLVED:**

1. That the Council receive and note the report on the contractual conditions of senior staff in accordance with section 339 of the Local Government Act, 1993. (Radburn/Braddon)

##### **STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN FOR SEWERAGE SERVICES**

1406/009

##### **RESOLVED:**

- 1) That Council:
  - a) payout loan No. 3 being \$300,000 including the penalty

- payment.
- b) further investigate options for reducing financing costs associated with outstanding loans for the Millthorpe Sewer Scheme and await the outcome of public consultation for roll out of Sewer Services in Carcoar, Lyndhurst and Mandurama.
  - c) Adopt a single Sewer Service Charge for Blayney and Millthorpe (Blayney charges) and readvertise this new combined charge.
  - d) develop a financial assistance policy for those unable to meet the costs of installing a wastewater treatment system. (Radburn/Oates)

### **ADOPTION OF 2014/15 OPERATIONAL PLAN**

**1406/010**

#### **RESOLVED:**

1. That in accordance with Sections 402-406 of the Local Government Act 1993, the 2014/15 Operational Plan be adopted by Council;
2. That Council adopt the Revenue Policy for 2014/15, as outlined in the 2014/15 Operational Plan;
3. That Council adopt the Statement of Rating Structure and their respective short names as contained in the Operational Plan 2014/15 including the special variation to general income increase of 4.69% approved by the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) and make the Ordinary Rate and charges, including domestic waste management charges and sewer charges for Blayney and Millthorpe, pursuant to section 494 and 496 of the Local Government Act 1993 detailed in the tables below;

Category - Sub Category	Base Amount (p.a.)		Ad Valorem	Total Yield
	%	\$	(rate in \$)	\$
<b>Residential</b>				
Ordinary Rate	40.74%	\$250.00	0.00332028	\$700,856
Sub Category - Blayney	43.72%	\$300.00	0.00599186	\$865,188
Sub Category - Millthorpe	38.22%	\$300.00	0.00480870	\$252,741
Sub Category - Carcoar	47.26%	\$250.00	0.00568539	\$46,553
<b>Business</b>				
Ordinary Rate	26.90%	\$300.00	0.00683670	\$69,157
Sub Category – Business Blayney, Millthorpe & Carcoar	25.04%	\$300.00	0.00943250	\$237,263
<b>Mining</b>				
Ordinary Rate	7.01%	\$1,000.00	0.05530450	\$14,273
Sub Category – Mining Gold/Copper Combined	0.02%	\$1,000.00	0.05650130	\$4,029,543
<b>Farmland</b>				
Ordinary Rate	11.45%	\$300.00	0.00399670	\$1,909,592
<b>TOTAL YIELD</b>				<b>\$8,125,166</b>

Blayney Sewerage Service	Access Charge (p.a.)	Quarterly Charge before SDF	Minimum Quarterly Charge	Total Yield
	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>Residential</b>				
Connected	\$529.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$604,647
Vacant/Unmetered	\$273.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$26,481

<b>Non Residential</b>				
20mm Water Service	\$436.00	\$109.00	\$132.00	
25mm Water Service	\$676.00	\$169.00	\$132.00	
32mm Water Service	\$1,108.00	\$277.00	\$132.00	
40mm Water service	\$1,732.00	\$433.00	\$132.00	
50mm Water Service	\$2,704.00	\$676.00	\$132.00	
80mm Water Service	\$6,920.00	\$1,730.00	\$0.00	
100mm Water Service	\$10,812.00	\$2,703.00	\$0.00	
150mm Water Service	\$24,328.00	\$6,082	\$0.00	
Vacant/Unmetered	\$273.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Non-Residential (Estimated)				\$290,000
<b>TOTAL YIELD (ESTIMATED)</b>				<b>\$921,128</b>

<b>Millthorpe Sewerage Service</b>	<b>Access Charge (p.a.)</b>	<b>Quarterly Charge before SDF</b>	<b>Minimum Quarterly Charge</b>	<b>Total Yield</b>
	\$		\$	\$
<b>Residential</b>				
Connected	\$529.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$161,345
Vacant/Unmetered	\$273.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12,558
<b>Non Residential</b>				
20mm Water Service	\$740.00	\$185.00	\$210.00	
25mm Water Service	\$1,156.00	\$289.00	\$210.00	
32mm Water Service	\$1,892.00	\$473.00	\$210.00	
40mm Water service	\$2,956.00	\$739.00	\$210.00	
50mm Water Service	\$4,624.00	\$1,156.00	\$210.00	
80mm Water Service	\$11,832.00	\$2,958.00	\$0.00	
100mm Water Service	\$18,484.00	\$4,621.00	\$0.00	
150mm Water Service	\$41,592.00	\$10,398.00	\$0.00	
Vacant/Unmetered	\$748.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Non-Residential (Estimated)				\$50,000
<b>TOTAL YIELD (ESTIMATED)</b>				<b>\$223,903</b>

<b>Waste Management Charges</b>	<b>Annual Charge</b>	<b>Total Yield</b>
<b>Domestic</b>		
Domestic Waste Management Charge	\$340.00	\$709,240
Domestic Waste Management Charge – Vacant Land	\$40.00	\$13,080
Domestic Waste Management Charge – Rural Areas	\$340.00	\$104,380
<b>Non-Domestic</b>		
Non-Domestic Waste Management Charge	\$340.00	\$89,760
<b>Extra Services</b>		
Additional Garbage Charge – per bin	\$180.00	\$13,680
Additional Recycling Charge – per bin	\$160.00	\$4,960
<b>TOTAL YIELD</b>		<b>\$935,100</b>

4. That Council approve the borrowing of \$1,175,000 for the infrastructure improvement program, funding bridge works throughout the Shire and a waste transfer station during 2014/15, and authorise execution of relevant contracts and associated documentation relating to that loan by the Mayor and General Manager;
5. That the Office of Local Government be advised of Council's adopted 2014/15 Operational Plan within 28 days of adoption by Council;
6. That the Financial Assistance Program under Local Government Act section 356 be adopted.

7. That the submissions on the 2014/15 Operational Plan be noted. (Braddon/Oates)

### **INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES REPORTS**

#### **FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS PROGRAM**

##### **1406/011 RESOLVED:**

1. That Council support the Australian Local Government Association in its campaign to have the Federal Government restore indexation to the local government Financial Assistance Grants.
2. That Council call on the Federal Government to:
  - a. Recognise the importance of the Financial Assistance Grants program to local government.
  - b. Remove the freeze on indexation of the Financial Assistance Grants program immediately.
  - c. Increase Financial Assistance Grants to a level equivalent to at least 1% of tax revenue.
  - d. Release the Commonwealth Grants Commission report into Financial Assistance Grants.
3. Council write to the Prime Minister, Leader of the Opposition, Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development, Opposition spokesperson for Infrastructure and Transport and the local Federal Member, seeking their support for the restoration of indexation to the local government Financial Assistance Grants. (Kingham/Oates)

#### **FOOTPATH MAINTENANCE PROGRAM**

##### **1406/012 RESOLVED:**

1. That Council note the report on the Footpath / Kerb and Gutter Maintenance and Renewal Program. (Braddon/Oates)

### **PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORTS**

#### **HERITAGE ADVISORY SERVICE**

##### **1406/013 RESOLVED:**

1. That the information be received and Council provide advice on its website to the community in contacting Council's Heritage Advisor. (Braddon/Somervaille)

#### **ORGANICS COLLECTION SYSTEMS GRANTS PROGRAM**

##### **1406/014 RESOLVED:**

1. That Council note the awarding of a grant for \$264,000 and investigation of feasibility for organic waste collection is undertaken as part of the overall waste collection tender currently being undertaken. (Oates/Somervaille)

**DISCUSSION PAPER ON IMPLICATIONS OF THE WASTE  
LEVY****1406/015 RESOLVED:**

1. That Council make representation to the local State Member detailing concerns regarding the proposed waste levy. (Braddon/Radburn)

**COMMITTEE REPORTS****MINUTES OF THE BLAYNEY SHIRE CEMETERY FORUM  
MEETING HELD ON 8 MAY 2014****1406/016 RESOLVED:**

1. That the recommendations of the Blayney Shire Cemetery Forum meeting held on 8 May 2014 be adopted.
2. That the Blayney Shire Council Cemeteries Management Plan be adopted. (Radburn/Braddon)

**MINUTES OF THE BLAYNEY SHIRE ACCESS ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 8 MAY 2014****1406/017 RESOLVED:**

1. That the recommendations of the Blayney Shire Access Advisory Committee meeting held on 8 May 2014 be adopted.
2. That the Blayney Shire Access Advisory Committee Charter be adopted. (Oates/Braddon)

**FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE MEETING****1406/018 RESOLVED:**

1. That the minutes of the meeting held 10 June 2014 be noted; and
2. That the request for insurance contribution of \$500 by Mandurama Progress Association be approved.
3. That the recommendations in the amount of \$53,791 for 2013/14 round 2 of the Financial Assistance Program by the Financial Assistance Committee be endorsed subject to applications conditions being satisfied.
4. That the request by Council for funding of the “opportunity” cost associated with the interest free loan, awarded to the Millthorpe Museum, from the Financial Assistance Program be declined and that Council no longer issue interest free loans and encourage such recipients to make application for annual waiver of interest charges. (Somerville/Braddon)

**MINUTES OF THE BLAYNEY SHIRE SPORTS COUNCIL  
MEETING HELD ON 15 MAY 2014****1406/019 RESOLVED:**

1. That the recommendations of the Blayney Shire Sports Council meeting held on 15 May 2014 be adopted. (Kingham/Radburn)

**DELEGATES REPORTS****WBC ALLIANCE EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT****1406/020****RESOLVED:**

1. That the report from the WBC Alliance Executive Officer be received and noted. (Braddon/Oates)

**COUNCILLOR REQUEST****REQUEST FOR LEAVE – CR DAVID SOMERVAILLE****1406/021****RESOLVED:**

1. That Council grant Cr Somervaille's request for Leave of Absence for the July 2014 Council Meeting. (Braddon/Kingham)

**CLOSED MEETING****1406/022****RESOLVED:**

That the meeting now be closed to the public in accordance with Section 10A of the Local Government Act, 1993 for consideration of the following matters: (Somervaille/Oates)

**CONFIDENTIAL MEETING REPORTS****NSW CIVIL AND ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL HEARING UPDATE**

*This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2) (e) of the Local Government Act, as it deals with information that would, if disclosed, prejudice the maintenance of law.*

**1406/023****RESOLVED:**

1. That the report on the NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal Hearing be noted. (Braddon/Oates)

**1406/024****RESOLVED:**

That as consideration of the matters referred to in the closed meeting has been concluded, the meeting now be opened to the public. (Oates/Braddon)

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 8:01pm.

The Minute Numbers 1406/001 to 1406/024 were confirmed on 14 July 2014 and are a full and accurate record of proceedings of the Ordinary Meeting held on 23 June 2014.

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Cr A Ewin  
**DEPUTY MAYOR**

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Mr GA Wilcox  
**GENERAL MANAGER**