

**MINUTES OF THE BLAYNEY SHIRE COUNCIL ORDINARY MEETING  
HELD IN THE CHAMBERS, BLAYNEY SHIRE COUNCIL COMMUNITY  
CENTRE, ON 16 APRIL 2024, COMMENCING AT 6.00PM**

Present: Crs S Ferguson (Mayor), D Somervaille (Deputy Mayor), A Ewin, C Gosewisch, J Newstead, M Pryse Jones and B Reynolds

Acting General Manager (Mr J Hogan), Acting Director Corporate Services (Mrs T Irlam), Director Planning & Environmental Services (Mr A Muir) and Administration Officer (Mrs N Smith)

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

**RECORDING OF MEETING STATEMENT**

**APOLOGIES**

**DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

The General Manager reported the following Disclosure of Interest forms had been submitted:

<b>Councillor/Staff</b>	<b>Interest</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Pg</b>	<b>Report</b>	<b>Reason</b>
Cr Scott Ferguson	Non-Pecuniary Interest Significant	3	12	Blayney Rotary Lookout Project	I am a member of the Rotary Club of Blayney
Cr David Somervaille	Non-Pecuniary Interest Significant	3	12	Blayney Rotary Lookout Project	I am a member of the Rotary Club of Blayney
Cr Allan Ewin	Non-Pecuniary Interest Significant	3	12	Blayney Rotary Lookout Project	I am a member of the Rotary Club of Blayney
Cr David Somervaille	Non-Pecuniary Interest Less than-significant	7	64	Minutes of Financial Assistance Committee	I am a member of the Blayney A&P Association an applicant for financial assistance in Item 6
Cr Scott Ferguson	Pecuniary Interest	7	64	Minutes of the Financial Assistance Committee	Provided quotation for one of the application being F1
Cr David Somervaille	Non-Pecuniary Interest Less than-significant	11	102	Draft Blayney Showground Master Plan	I am a member of the Blayney A&P Association, a user of the Showground

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES****MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING HELD 19 MARCH 2024**

2404/001

**RESOLVED:**

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 19 March 2024, being minute numbers 2403/001 to 2403/016 be confirmed.

(Newstead/Pryse Jones)  
**CARRIED**

**MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

Nil.

**EXECUTIVE SERVICES REPORTS****QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE AT THE PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING HELD 19 MARCH 2024**

2404/002

**RESOLVED:**

That the questions taken on notice at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 19 March 2024 and subsequent response be received and noted.

(Newstead/Somervaille)  
**CARRIED**

The Mayor indicated that as he, along with Cr Somervaille and Cr Ewin, had declared an interest in this item, it would be necessary to elect a Chair from the floor. The Mayor moved Clr Reynolds be appointed chairperson which was seconded by Councillor Somervaille. On being put to the vote, Clr Reynolds was appointed chairperson for this item. The Mayor, Cr Somervaille and Cr Ewin vacated the chamber and Cr Reynolds assumed the Chair.

**BLAYNEY ROTARY LOOKOUT PROJECT**

2404/003

**RESOLVED:**

That Council:

1. Subject to receiving all of the funding identified within this report endorse the Blayney Lookout project to be undertaken with an estimated expenditure \$157,560
2. Fund delivery of the project through;
  - a) \$120,000 contribution from Blayney Rotary
  - b) \$18,000 under the Local Small Commitments Allocation Program
  - c) \$19,560 from the Blayney Village Enhancement Program
3. Schedule delivery of the project in the 2024/25 Operational Plan

(Pryse Jones/Gosewisch)  
**CARRIED**

The Mayor, Cr Ferguson, returned to the Chambers and resumed the Chair. Crs Somervaille, Ewin returned to the meeting.

**QUARTERLY OUTSTANDING RESOLUTION REPORT**

2404/004

**RESOLVED:**

That Council note the Outstanding Resolution Report to March 2024.

(Gosewisch/Pryse Jones)

**CARRIED**

**CORPORATE SERVICES REPORTS**

**REPORT OF COUNCIL INVESTMENTS AS AT 31 MARCH 2024**

2404/005

**RESOLVED:**

That Council;

1. Note the report indicating Council’s investment position as at 31 March 2024.
2. Note the certification of the Responsible Accounting Officer.

(Reynolds/Somerville)

**CARRIED**

**REVIEW OF COUNCIL POLICIES**

2404/006

**RESOLVED:**

That Council;

1. Adopt the Borrowings Policy and it be updated to Council’s Policy Register.
2. Endorse the following policies and they be placed on public exhibition for a period of not less than 28 days. Noting that should no submissions be received that they be adopted and updated to Council’s Policy Register:

Policy Name
Restricted and Unrestricted Cash Policy
Social Media Policy

(Somerville/Ewin)

**CARRIED**

The Mayor, Cr Ferguson, having declared an interest left the meeting.  
The Deputy Mayor, Cr Somerville, assumed the Chair.

**MINUTES OF THE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE**  
**MEETING HELD 2 APRIL 2024**

That Council;

1. Receive the minutes of the meeting held 2 April 2024.
2. Engage with event organisers to investigate the possibility of changing the route for ANZAC Day marches to minimise traffic management costs borne under the Community Financial Assistance Program.
3. Review the Community Financial Assistance Policy (31) in relation to its application to financial assistance for:
  - a. the purchase of sporting equipment by Sporting Clubs;
  - b. costs associated with the holding of community events, over and above assistance provided through the waiver of Council fees (as distinct from funding available under the Tourism Development Program);
  - c. renovations and repairs to heritage buildings within the Shire (as distinct from funding available under the Local Heritage Assistance Fund).
4. Approve the RESOLVEDs for 2023/24 – Round 2 of the Community Financial Assistance Program, excluding applications No.5 Millthorpe Senior Soccer Club and No. F2 Blayney Eco Hub, by the Financial Assistance Committee in the amount of \$13,516.
5. That Council make a determination on the following applications noting the anomalies and risks outlined in the report:

<b>No.</b>	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Grant Recommended</b>
5	Millthorpe Senior Soccer	Training equipment supply	\$3,088
F2	Blayney Eco Hub Inc.	Establish a community garden and education, installation of 3 water tanks and 10 garden beds for community use	\$10,000

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An **AMENDMENT** was moved by Cr Reynolds and seconded by Cr Newstead that:

That Council;

1. Receive the minutes of the meeting held 2 April 2024.
2. Engage with event organisers to investigate the possibility of changing the route for ANZAC Day marches to minimise traffic management costs borne under the Community Financial Assistance Program.
3. In light of the now many applications that sit outside the policy guidelines, Council to undertake a review of existing policies and guidelines for all community funding programs – Financial Assistance, Tourism, Flagship and any other relevant funding programs. Report to Council no later than July 2024.
4. That Council does not support No.5, Millthorpe Soccer Club but does supports F2. Blayney Eco Hub, subject to DA approval.
5. Approve the RESOLVEDs for 2023/24 – Round 2 of the Community Financial Assistance Program, excluding applications No.5 Millthorpe Senior Soccer Club reducing the Financial Assistance Committee RESOLVED in the amount of \$3,516.

No.	Applicant	Project	Grant Recommended
5	Millthorpe Senior Soccer	Training equipment supply	\$3,088
F2	Blayney Eco Hub Inc.	Establish a community garden and education, installation of 3 water tanks and 10 garden beds for community use	\$10,000

(Reynolds / Newstead)

**LOST**

The amendment became the substantive motion and was put and lost.

A further **MOTION** was moved by Cr Pryse Jones and seconded by Cr Gosewisch that:

That Council;

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2. Engage with event organisers to investigate the possibility of changing the route for ANZAC Day marches to minimise traffic management costs borne under the Community Financial Assistance Program.
3. In light of the now many applications that sit outside the policy guidelines, Council to undertake a review of existing policies and guidelines for all community funding programs – Financial Assistance, Tourism, Flagship, Schedule of S356 donations. Report to Council no later than July 2024.
4. That Council does not support No.5, Millthorpe Soccer Club or number F2 Blayney Eco Hub.
5. Approve the RESOLVEDs for 2023/24 – Round 2 of the Community Financial Assistance Program, excluding applications No.5 and No F2.

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F2	Blayney Eco Hub Inc.	Establish a community garden and education, installation of 3 water tanks and 10 garden beds for community use	\$10,000

(Pryse Jones/Gosewisch)

**CARRIED**

This became this substantive motion and was put.

2404/007 **RESOLVED:**

That Council;

1. Receive the minutes of the meeting held 2 April 2024.
2. Engage with event organisers to investigate the possibility of changing the route for ANZAC Day marches to minimise traffic management costs borne under the Community Financial Assistance Program.
3. In light of the now many applications that sit outside the policy guidelines, Council to undertake a review of existing policies and guidelines for all community funding programs – Financial Assistance, Tourism, Flagship, Schedule of S356 donations. Report to Council no later than July 2024.
4. That Council does not support No.5, Millthorpe Soccer Club or number F2 Blayney Eco Hub.
5. Approve the RESOLVEDs for 2023/24 – Round 2 of the Community Financial Assistance Program, excluding applications No.5 and No F2.

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(Pryse Jones/Gosewisch)

**CARRIED**

The Mayor, Cr Ferguson, returned to the meeting and took the Chair.

**TERMS OF REFERENCE - AUDIT, RISK & IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE**

2404/008 **RESOLVED:**

That Council ;

1. Receive the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Terms of Reference report.
2. Endorse the draft Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Terms of Reference document, to take effect from 1 July 2024, for public exhibition over a period not exceeding 28 days.
3. Approve extending the tenure of the Independent Member and current Chair, Donna Rygate, to 22 November 2026 subject to an application for reappointment.

(Pryse Jones/Reynolds)

**CARRIED**

**INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES REPORTS****ROAD CLOSURE - BLAKE STREET MILLTHORPE**

2404/009

**RESOLVED:**

That Council extend temporary regulation of traffic on Blake Street, Millthorpe between Park and William Streets, and William and George Streets, for a period of 12 months in accordance with section 122 of the Roads Act 1993.

(Gosewisch/Pryse Jones)

**CARRIED****ROAD CLOSURE - GRAHAM LANE**

2404/010

**RESOLVED:**

That Council:

1. Endorse the closure of the portion of Graham Lane, Millthorpe that adjoin Lots 46-48 in DP11125, in accordance with s.38 Roads Act 1993, subject to the applicant funding Council's road closure application fee, all costs associated with the closure and compensation for the market value of the land.
2. Delegate to the General Manager authority to negotiate and execute the terms of the road closure.
3. Delegate to the General Manager authority to negotiate the sale price of the land, subject to Council approval; and
4. Have a further report presented to a future Council meeting to consider any submissions lodged during the notification period and to make a decision on approval for the proposal.

(Somerville/Gosewisch)

**CARRIED****DRAFT BLAYNEY SHOWGROUND MASTERPLAN 2024**

2404/011

**RESOLVED:**

That Council;

1. Endorse the Draft Blayney 2024 Showground Masterplan.
2. Place on public exhibition for a period of 28 days the Draft Blayney 2024 Showground Masterplan.

(Ewin/Pryse Jones)

**CARRIED**



**MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 5  
APRIL 2024**

2404/012

**RESOLVED:**

That Council;

1. Receive and note the minutes of the Blayney Traffic Committee Meeting, held on Friday 5 April 2024.
2. Endorse the closure of Trunkey St Newbridge for the Newbridge Winter Solstice Festival, to be staged on 22 June 2024 on Trunkey Street Newbridge as a Class 2 event, subject to the conditions detailed in the Director Infrastructure Services' Report.

(Gosewisch/Newstead)

**CARRIED****INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES MONTHLY REPORT**

2404/013

**RESOLVED:**

That Council note the Infrastructure Services Monthly Report for April 2024.

(Gosewisch/Ewin)

**CARRIED****PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORTS****DEVELOPMENT ASSESSMENT QUARTERLY REPORT**

2404/014

**RESOLVED:**

That the Development Assessment Quarterly Report be received and noted.

(Gosewisch/Pryse Jones)

**CARRIED****DELEGATES REPORTS****REPORT OF THE CENTRAL NSW JOINT ORGANISATION  
BOARD MEETING HELD 29 FEBRUARY 2024**

2404/015

**RESOLVED:**

That Council

1. Note the report of the Central NSW Joint Organisation (CNSWJO) Board Meeting held 29 February 2024;
2. Note the return on investment from Council fees to the CNSWJO is 9.4:1;
3. Support the Simtables Workshop at Council in disaster readiness; and
4. Note the CNSWJO Draft Statement of Budget and Revenue.

(Pryse Jones/Somerville)

**CARRIED**

**CLOSED MEETING**

2404/016

**Recommended:**

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:

**CONTRACT S2 2024 SUPPLY, DELIVERY AND/OR INSTALLATION OF GUARDRAIL AND WIRE ROPE SAFETY FENCING**

*This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2) (c) of the Local Government Act, as it deals with information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.*

(Newstead/Reynolds)

**CARRIED****CONFIDENTIAL MEETING REPORTS****CONTRACT S2 2024 SUPPLY, DELIVERY AND/OR INSTALLATION OF GUARDRAIL AND WIRE ROPE SAFETY FENCING**

2404/017

**RESOLVED:**

That Council accept the tender for and enter into contract with RBK Pty Ltd t/as Top Notch Fencing and Western Safety Barriers Group Pty Ltd for the supply, delivery and/or installation of guardrail and wire rope safety fencing.

(Gosewisch/Ewin)

**CARRIED**

2404/018

**Recommended:**

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

(Reynolds/Pryse Jones)

**CARRIED****AT THE RE-OPENING OF THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC, THE MAYOR ANNOUNCED THE OUTCOMES OF RESOLUTION NUMBERS 2404/17.**

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 8:08pm.

The Minute Numbers 2404/001 to 2404/018 were confirmed on 21 May 2024 and are a full and accurate record of proceedings of the Ordinary Meeting held on 16 April 2024.

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Cr S Ferguson  
**MAYOR**

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Mr J Hogan  
**ACTING GENERAL MANAGER**