

**MINUTES OF THE BLAYNEY SHIRE COUNCIL ORDINARY MEETING
HELD IN THE CHAMBERS, BLAYNEY SHIRE COUNCIL COMMUNITY
CENTRE, ON 22 APRIL 2025, COMMENCING AT 6.02PM**

Present: Crs B Reynolds (Mayor), R Scott (Deputy Mayor), I Dorsett, C Gosewisch, K Hutchings, S Johnston and J Newstead

General Manager (Mr M Dicker), Director Corporate Services (Mr A Franze), Director Infrastructure Services (Mr J Hogan), Director Planning & Environmental Services (Mr A Muir), Executive Assistant to the General Manager (Mrs L Ferson) and Administration Assistant (Mrs K Palmer)

RECORDING OF MEETING STATEMENT

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

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

Councillor /Staff	Interest	Item	Pg	Report	Reason
Cr Gosewisch	Pecuniary	15	121	DA 2025/0009 – Geotechnical Investigations, Cadia Valley Operations	Employee of Newmont

Cr Gosewisch, having declared an interest, left the Chambers

PUBLIC FORUM

Rodney Williams – Item 15 – DA2025/0009 – Geotechnical Investigations, Cadia Valley Operations

Cr Gosewisch returned to the Chambers.

MAYORAL MINUTE

2025 FEDERAL ELECTION MATTERS

2504/001 RESOLVED:

That Council note the identified priorities for the upcoming 2025 Federal Election which will be distributed to candidates in the seat of Calare.

(Reynolds)
CARRIED

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING HELD 25 MARCH 2025****2504/002****RESOLVED:**

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 25 March 2025, being minute numbers 2503/001 to 2503/014 be confirmed.

(Newstead/Johnston)
CARRIED

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Nil

The Mayor asked if there was any objection to bringing item 15 forward for consideration, being the topic of the public forum. There was no objection.

Cr Gosewisch, having declared an interest, left the Chambers.

DA 2025/0009 - GEOTECHNICAL INVESTIGATIONS, CADIA VALLEY OPERATIONS**2504/003****RESOLVED:**

That Council approve Development Application 2025/0009 submitted by Cadia Holdings Pty Ltd subject to the proposed conditions of development consent attached to enclosure 5 of the business paper, and including the additional conditions:

Condition 17

The applicant shall ensure dust suppression is available and implemented for drilling operations and test pit excavation by watering, water sprays or other means approved by the Director of Planning and Environmental Services.

Condition 18

All drilling of boreholes and excavation of test pits shall be carried out in accordance with the Interim Construction Noise Guidelines (ICNG) (DECCW, 2009). Prior to the commencement of works the applicant shall provide a report for the approval of the Director of Planning and Environmental Services on how activities will comply with the Guidelines in relation to residential receptors not associated with Cadia Valley Operations and any measures to be taken to ensure compliance.

(Reynolds/Dorsett)

The **DIVISION** was taken and the names of the Councillors voting FOR and AGAINST were as follows:

FOR	AGAINST
Councillor Reynolds	
Councillor Newstead	
Councillor Dorsett	
Councillor Hutchings	
Councillor Scott	
Councillor Johnston	
Total (6)	Total (0)
	CARRIED

Cr Gosewisch returned to the Chambers.

EXECUTIVE SERVICES REPORTS

- 2504/004** **QUARTERLY OUTSTANDING RESOLUTION REPORT**
RESOLVED:
 That Council note the Outstanding Resolution Report to March 2025.
 (Scott/Gosewisch)
CARRIED

- 2504/005** **REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AUSTRALIA - FARM SUCCESSION WORKSHOP**
RESOLVED:
 That Council:
 1. Note Regional Development Australia hosted a Farm Succession Workshop in Blayney on 27 March 2025.
 2. Note the post event report provided.
 3. Approve \$1,500 from the Blayney Shire Community Financial Assistance Program was provided to Regional Development Australia to assist delivering the workshop in Blayney.
 (Newstead/Gosewisch)
CARRIED

- 2504/006** **COMMUNITY ENERGY UPGRADE FUNDING APPLICATION**
RESOLVED:
 That Council:
 1. Note the report.
 2. Endorse the 2025 Blayney Shire Renewable Energy Project which has an estimated project cost of \$1 million and proceeds to prepare and submit the following grant funding applications:
 a. Australian Government (Community Energy Upgrade Funding) seeking \$500,000
 b. Newmont (Cadia Legacy Fund) seeking \$500,000 as the matching 50% co contribution.

3. Approve a supplementary vote of \$15,000 in the 2024/25 Operational Plan to engage a specialist energy consultant to assist with the grant documentation and grant application to be funded from the Property Internal Allocation.
4. Be provided a further report which considers whole of life costs and ongoing budget implications, upon finalisation of the estimated project scope and cost and lodgement of the grant applications.

(Gosewisch/Scott)
CARRIED

CORPORATE SERVICES REPORTS

MINUTES OF THE DISABILITY INCLUSION WORKING GROUP MEETING HELD 3 APRIL 2025

2504/007

RESOLVED:

That Council:

1. Receive the minutes of the Disability Inclusion Working Group meeting held 3 April 2025.
2. Adopt the Blayney Shire 2022 – 2026 Disability Inclusion Action Plan Status Report for period ending 31 December 2024.
3. Adopt the Disability Inclusion Working Group Charter.
4. Note the 2024 review of the 2018 accessible car parking audit.
5. Consider funding in the 2025/26 Operational Plan line marking works to the audited car spaces of locations ID 2, 5, 6, and 9.
6. Examine whether Millthorpe School (Victoria Street) accessible parking is required in light of new car parking installed with recent school development
7. Consider funding in the 2025/26 Operational Plan construction of accessible parking locations in Carcoar, Mandurama and Lyndhurst
8. Note the preferred location for construction of a new accessible car park at Mandurama Memorial Park is accessible parking option 2 (adjacent to the amenities).
9. Note the recommendation to investigate locating the new accessible carpark at Lyndhurst to adjoin Capital Park.
10. Explore a further on-street accessible carparking option near the Mandurama Hall.

(Reynolds/Gosewisch)
CARRIED

LGA BOUNDARY ALTERATION - 87B KELLYS ROAD**2504/008****RESOLVED:**

1. That Council inform Bathurst Regional Council that it has no objections to the transfer of Part Lot 145 DP42906 (87B Kellys Road, Kings Plains) from the Blayney Shire Council LGA to the Bathurst Regional Council LGA.
2. That the adjustment for rates and annual charges take effect from the next year following proclamation.

(Scott/Newstead)

CARRIED**ADOPTION OF PAYMENT OF EXPENSES AND THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS POLICY****2504/009****RESOLVED:**

That the Payment of Expenses and the Provision of Facilities to the Mayor and Councillors policy be adopted and included in Council's policy register.

(Newstead/Hutchings)

CARRIED**DRAFT 2025/26 - 2028/29 DELIVERY PROGRAM AND 2025/26 OPERATIONAL PLAN****2504/010****RESOLVED:**

That Council:

1. Endorse the draft 2025/26 – 2028/29 Delivery Program and 2025/26 Operational Plan.
2. Place the draft 2025/26 - 2028/29 Delivery Program and 2025/26 Operational Plan on public exhibition for a period of 28 days.
3. Endorse the draft 2025/26 – 2034/35 Long Term Financial Plan.
4. Place the draft 2025/26 – 2034/35 Long Term Financial Plan on public exhibition for a period of 28 days.
5. Note that the 2025/26 Draft Operational Plan forecasts:
 - a) A Net Operating Result before Capital Items of (\$978k) deficit,
 - b) (\$1.21m) deficit for General Fund,
 - c) \$233k surplus for Sewer Fund,
 - d) Operational deficits in 2026/27 improving thereafter.
6. Note that should the planned assumptions around income forecasts in the Base Case of the 2025/26 – 2034/35 Long Term Financial Plan, mainly new mine rate income, not eventuate then without the presence of an alternate income source Council will be required to undertake remedial action to address funding shortfalls shown in the Reduced Mining & Grant Funding Scenario.

(Gosewisch/Newstead)

CARRIED

REPORT OF COUNCIL INVESTMENTS AS AT 31 MARCH 2025**2504/011****RESOLVED:**

That Council:

1. Note the report indicating Council's investment position as of 31 March 2025.
2. Note the certification of the Responsible Accounting Officer.
(Scott/Hutchings)

CARRIED**INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES REPORTS****INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES MONTHLY REPORT****2504/012****RESOLVED:**

That Council:

1. Note the Infrastructure Services Monthly Report for April 2025.
2. Approve a supplementary vote of \$60,000 in the 2024/25 Operational Plan funded from Developer Contributions for the Millthorpe CBD Project.

(Dorsett/Gosewisch)

CARRIED**GRANT APPLICATION - DISASTER READY FUND (ROUND 3)****2504/013****RESOLVED:**

That Council note the grant application submitted under the Disaster Ready Fund (Round 3) for reconstruction of the Coombing Street Bridge over Belubula River, Carcoar.

(Scott/Dorsett)

CARRIED**PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORTS****WASTE MANAGEMENT SERVICES - JOINT PROCUREMENT PROJECT****2504/014****RESOLVED:**

That Council:

1. Note the Waste Management Services Procurement Planning Summary Report.
2. Endorse the extension of the current waste collection and recycling processing services contracts with J R & E G Richards Pty Ltd until midnight 19 March 2028, in accordance with the contract.
3. Delegate authority to the General Manager to execute the Netwaste Procurement Group Agreement with the 'Orange Group of Councils' including any required alterations to the final agreement. In regard to this agreement:
 - a. agrees to establish the Project Control Group to facilitate the achievement of the objectives contemplated by the draft Agreement;

- b. to give the Project Control Group the decision-making powers contemplated by clause 4.1 of the draft Agreement and the authority to conduct the tender processes contemplated by the draft Agreement (in both cases subject to any minor amendments negotiated by the Councils);
 - c. make any required application to the Office of Local Government for approval under section 358 of the Local Government Act 1993 (NSW) in relation to the Joint Procurement Group; and
 - d. finalise and submit the application to the Australian Competition & Consumer Commission (ACCC) in relation to the Joint Procurement Group.
4. Undertake community consultation regarding the proposed waste management services and a report of such consultation be provided to Council at the earliest opportunity.
 5. Determine the suite of services to be procured in the new waste collection contract after receiving a report on the community consultation.

(Gosewisch/Newstead)

CARRIED

DEVELOPMENT ASSESSMENT REPORT

2504/015

RESOLVED:

That the Development Assessment Report be received and noted.

(Newstead/Gosewisch)

CARRIED

DELEGATES REPORTS

COUNTRY MAYORS ASSOCIATION MEETING

2504/016

RESOLVED:

That Council receive and note the delegates report for the Country Mayors Association Meeting held 28 March 2025.

(Reynolds/Scott)

CARRIED

MCPHILLAMYS GOLD PROJECT COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

2504/017

RESOLVED:

That Council note the delegates report on the McPhillamys Gold Project Community Consultative Committee meeting held 24 March 2025.

(Reynolds/Newstead)

CARRIED

CLOSED MEETING**2504/018 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 matter:

LEGAL MATTER

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2) (g) of the Local Government Act, as it deals with advice concerning litigation, or advice that would otherwise be privileged from production in legal proceedings on the ground of legal professional privilege.

(Scott/Dorsett)

CARRIED

CONFIDENTIAL MEETING REPORTS**2504/019 LEGAL MATTER****RESOLVED:**

That Council:

1. Receive and note the update report regarding legal proceedings in relation to the Millthorpe CBD beautification project.
2. Note in relation to expenditure and budget: \$7k has already been expended and a further \$13k remains on an open purchase order.
3. Approve a supplementary vote of \$150k in the 2024/25 Operational Plan to fund additional legal costs.

(Scott/Gosewisch)

CARRIED

2504/020 RESOLVED:

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

(Gosewisch/Hutchings)

CARRIED

AT THE RE-OPENING OF THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC, THE MAYOR ANNOUNCED THE OUTCOME OF RESOLUTION NUMBER 2504/020.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 7.15pm.

The Minute Numbers 2504/001 to 2405/020 were confirmed on 27 May 2025 and are a full and accurate record of proceedings of the Ordinary Meeting held on 22 April 2025.

Cr B Reynolds

CHAIR