

**MINUTES OF THE BLAYNEY SHIRE COUNCIL ORDINARY MEETING
HELD IN THE CHAMBERS, BLAYNEY SHIRE COUNCIL COMMUNITY
CENTRE, ON 24 FEBRUARY 2026, COMMENCING AT 6.00PM**

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) and Executive Assistant to the General Manager (Mrs L Ferson)

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 Johnston	Non Pecuniary (Significant)	4	20	Mayoral Minute - Meals on Wheels Future in Blayney Shire	Cr Johnston is a Board member
Cr Gosewisch	Pecuniary	7	36	Quarterly Outstanding Resolution Report – Item on Panuara Road	Employee of Newmont
Cr Gosewisch	Pecuniary	10	51	Class Action Against Cadia Holdings Pty Ltd	Employee of Newmont
Mark Dicker	Non Pecuniary (Less Than Significant)	19	98	Resources for Regions Round 9 – Program Status	Previously declared a non-pecuniary interest in the Richards Lane, Millthorpe project. This is an updating report, reallocating grant monies within the existing grant funded projects (otherwise the money will be returned).
Mark Dicker	Non Pecuniary (Less Than Significant)	20	101	Richards Lane and Intersection Upgrade Project	Previously declared a non-pecuniary interest in the Richards Lane, Millthorpe project. This is a monthly updating report.
Cr Dorsett	Non Pecuniary (Less Than Significant)	28	159	PP-2025-1739 Planning Proposal 34 Charles Street, Blayney – LEP Amendment to Include Zoning Changes (RU2 to R2) and Minimum Lot Size (100ha to 2000m2)	Son owns an adjoining property.

MAYORAL MINUTE**MAYORAL MINUTE - MINUTE'S SILENCE TO
ACKNOWLEDGE THE PASSING OF JIM NEWMAN**

Councillors held a minute's silence acknowledging the passing of former Councillor Jim Newman. Jim served the community as a Councillor from 1995 to 2004.

**MAYORAL MINUTE - 2025 LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW
CONFERENCE DELEGATE REPORT ON SUBMITTED
MOTIONS FROM BLAYNEY SHIRE COUNCIL**

2602/001 **RESOLVED:**

That Council note the outcomes of the four motions that were submitted by Blayney Shire Council to the 2025 Local Government NSW conference.

(Reynolds)
CARRIED

**MAYORAL MINUTE - BLAYNEY SHIRE AUSTRALIA DAY
AWARDS CEREMONY 2026**

2602/002 **RESOLVED:**

Council note the recipients of the 2026 Blayney Shire Australia Day awards and their positive contribution to the Blayney Shire community.

(Reynolds)
CARRIED

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

**MAYORAL MINUTE - MEALS ON WHEELS FUTURE IN
BLAYNEY SHIRE**

2602/003 **RESOLVED:**

That Council write to the Minister for Aged Care and Seniors and highlight the risks the proposed funding model poses to our community. The letter request a review of the proposed change for the Blayney Shire and guarantee our community members won't be disadvantaged by any change to the funding model.

(Reynolds)
CARRIED

Cr Johnston returned to the Chambers.

**MAYORAL MINUTE - RECOGNITION OF THE OPENING OF
BLAYNEY HOSPITAL MULTI-PURPOSE SERVICE (MPS) -
STAGE 1**

2602/004 **RESOLVED:**

That Council note the opening of Stage 1 of the Blayney Hospital Multi-Purpose Service.

(Reynolds)
CARRIED

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING HELD 16
DECEMBER 2025****2602/005****RESOLVED:**

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 16 December 2025, being minute numbers 2512/001 to 2512/028 be confirmed.

(Newstead/Scott)
CARRIED

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Cr Gosewisch asked if there was an update regarding the order to demolish the dwelling at 2 Queen Street, Blayney. Director Planning and Environmental Services confirmed that the order has been served and there has been discussion with the owner.

Cr Reynolds asked if the Expression of Interest for Whites Quarry had gone out to the public. General Manager confirmed EOI is currently live with closing date of 20 March 2026.

PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORTS**DEVELOPMENT ASSESSMENT REPORT****2602/006****RESOLVED:**

That the Development Assessment Report be received and noted for the period 1 October 2025 to 31 December 2025.

(Gosewisch/Scott)
CARRIED

**DA 2025/0007 ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS TO HOTEL
AT 29 PARK STREET MILLTHORPE (COMMERCIAL HOTEL)****2602/007****RESOLVED:**

That Council:

1. Note the two submissions received in relation to Development Application 2025/0007; and
2. Consent to Development Application 2025/0007 for Alterations and Additions to Existing Hotel on Lot 92 DP 122851, 29 Park Street, Millthorpe subject to draft conditions of consent.

(Gosewisch/Reynolds)

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

FOR	AGAINST
Councillor Reynolds	Councillor Hutchings
Councillor Newstead	Councillor Scott
Councillor Gosewisch	
Councillor Dorsett	
Councillor Johnston	
Total (5)	Total (2)

CARRIED

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

PP-2025-1739 PLANNING PROPOSAL 34 CHARLES STREET, BLAYNEY - LEP AMENDMENT TO INCLUDE ZONING CHANGES (RU2 TO R2) AND MINIMUM LOTS SIZE (100HA TO 2000M2)

2602/008

RESOLVED:

1. That Council Submit the Planning Proposal to the Minister of Planning in accordance with Section 3.34(1) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, requesting Gateway Determination, pursuant to Section 3.34(2) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.
2. Request delegation to finalise and make the draft Local Environmental Plan pursuant to Section 3.36 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment act 1979.
3. Exhibit the draft site specific Chapter of Council's Development Control Plan concurrently with the Planning Proposal and delegate authority to the General Manager to make any necessary refinements to the version attached to the business paper.

(Gosewisch/Newstead)

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Councillor Reynolds	
Councillor Newstead	
Councillor Gosewisch	
Councillor Hutchings	
Councillor Scott	
Councillor Johnston	
Total (6)	Total (0)

CARRIED

Cr Dorsett returned to the Chambers.

EXECUTIVE SERVICES REPORTS

Cr Gosewisch, having declared an interest, being an employee of Newmont, left the Chambers for a question regarding Cadia and Panuara Road and returned thereafter.

- 2602/009** **QUARTERLY OUTSTANDING RESOLUTION REPORT**
RESOLVED:
That Council note the Outstanding Resolution Report to December 2025.

(Scott/Newstead)
CARRIED

- 2602/010** **ALGA NATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT CANBERRA - JUNE 2026**
RESOLVED:
That Council:
 1. Approve the registration and attendance of the Mayor and to the 2026 ALGA National General Assembly of Local Government in Canberra in June 2026.
 2. Approve the registration and attendance of Cr Gosewisch to the 2026 ALGA National General Assembly of Local Government in Canberra in June 2026.

(Newstead/Gosewisch)
CARRIED

- 2602/011** **TOURISM DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM APPLICATION**
RESOLVED:
 1. That Council approve \$2,000 of funding to Newbridge Progress Association for the Newbridge Winter Solstice event.
 2. That the program remain open for the 2025/26 financial year and applications be reported to Council as they are received.

(Gosewisch/Hutchings)
CARRIED

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

- 2602/012** **CLASS ACTION AGAINST CADIA HOLDINGS PTY LTD**
RESOLVED:
That Council:
 1. Note the class action against Cadia Holdings Pty Ltd has been filed in the Supreme Court of New South Wales.
 2. Note independent advice has been obtained by Council from Pendlebury Workplace Law, specifically regarding conflict of interest/s and is enclosed to this report.
 3. Note that it owns land (road reserves and open spaces) in the identified area and may at a future meeting need to resolve whether it wishes to participate in the proceedings or opt out once the court publishes the opt out notice.

- Note further reports will be brought back to Council on the matter.

(Newstead/Reynolds)

CARRIED

Cr Gosewisch returned to the Chambers.

CORPORATE SERVICES REPORTS

REPORT OF COUNCIL INVESTMENTS AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2025

2602/013 RESOLVED:

That Council:

- Note the report indicating Council's investment position as of 31 December 2025.
- Note the certification of the Responsible Accounting Officer.

(Hutchings/Newstead)

CARRIED

REPORT OF COUNCIL INVESTMENTS AS AT 31 JANUARY 2026

2602/014 RESOLVED:

That Council:

- Note the report indicating Council's investment position as of 31 January 2026.
- Note the certification of the Responsible Accounting Officer.

(Scott/Gosewisch)

CARRIED

QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW STATEMENT - DECEMBER 2025

2602/015 RESOLVED:

That Council:

- Receive the report on the Quarterly Budget Review Statement for the quarter ending 31 December 2025.
- Adopt the supplementary votes of (\$81k) nett proposed in the Quarterly Budget Review Statement, resulting in a decrease to capital expenditure of (\$22k), an increase to operating expenditure of \$161k and an increase in income of \$139k.
- Note the certification of the Responsible Accounting Officer that the Quarterly Budget Review Statement (QBRS) for the quarter ended 31 December 2025, based on the current projections of income, expenditure, and both restricted and unrestricted cash levels, Council's projected financial position as at 30 June 2026 is considered satisfactory.

(Gosewisch/Hutchings)

CARRIED

REVIEW OF COUNCIL POLICIES

2602/016

RESOLVED:

That Council;

1. Endorse the following policies and place them on public exhibition for a period of not less than 28 days.

Policy Name
Enforcement Policy
Waste Collection Policy
Media Policy
Investment Policy

2. Provided no submissions are received, adopt the policies and update Council's Policy Register.

(Scott/Newstead)

CARRIED

COMPLIANCE AND REPORTING ACTIVITIES

2602/017

RESOLVED:

That the report on Compliance and Reporting Activities for the six month period to 31 December 2025 be received.

(Dorsett/Gosewisch)

CARRIED

SIX MONTHLY DELIVERY PROGRAM REVIEW - DECEMBER 2025

2602/018

RESOLVED:

That the six-monthly progress report of Council's 2025/26 – 2028/29 Delivery Program be received.

(Dorsett/Gosewisch)

CARRIED

PRODUCTIVITY SAVINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS

2602/019

RESOLVED:

That Council note the report on productivity savings and improvements.

(Reynolds/Newstead)

CARRIED

INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES REPORTS

2025/26 ROAD ALLOCATIONS AND CAPITAL WORKS

UPDATE

2602/020

RESOLVED:

That Council note the update report regarding Transport Infrastructure renewal / capital programs for 2025/26.

(Newstead/Scott)

CARRIED

2602/021 **RESOURCES FOR REGIONS ROUND 9 - PROGRAM STATUS**
RESOLVED:

That Council:

1. Note the update of the Resources for Regions Round 9 Program.
2. Approve a supplementary vote of all remaining R4R9 grant funds (estimated at \$443,000) to be allocated as contingency to the final R4R9 project – Richards Lane.

(Gosewisch/Scott)

CARRIED

2602/022 **RICHARDS LANE AND INTERSECTION UPGRADE PROJECT**
RESOLVED:

That Council note the project update for the Richards Lane and intersection upgrade project.

(Gosewisch/Scott)

CARRIED

2602/023 **INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES: KEY ACTIVITIES REPORT**
RESOLVED:

That Council;

1. Note the Infrastructure Services Key Activities Report for February 2026.
2. Approve a supplementary vote of \$60,000 in the 2025/26 Operational Plan to undertake preliminary investigation and design works for Newbridge Road over Liscombes Creek Bridge, funded from Developer Contributions.
3. Approve a supplementary vote of \$50,000 in the 2025/26 Operational Plan to undertake repairs to the KGO main irrigation line, funded from the SRV Building Renewal fund.
4. Approve a supplementary vote of \$63,014 in the 2025/26 Operational Plan to undertake repairs and renewal of Carcoar Boat Ramp with \$47,014 funded from NSW Boat Infrastructure Grant and \$16,000 funded from Village Enhancement Program.
5. Be provided with a separate, dedicated monthly Council report on the Richards Lane Project until completion.

(Scott/Gosewisch)

CARRIED

ACTIVE MOVEMENT STRATEGY: 2026 REVIEW AND UPDATE**2602/024 RESOLVED:**

That Council:

1. Note a review of the Blayney Shire Active Movement Strategy has been undertaken.
2. Endorse the revised and updated Active Movement Strategy 2026 for public exhibition.
3. Place the revised Active Movement Strategy on Public Exhibition for a period of not less than 28 days.
4. Should no submissions be received during the public exhibition period, adopt the Active Movement Strategy.

(Scott/Gosewisch)

CARRIED**CONTRACT S2 2025 SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF COLDMIX ASPHALT****2602/025 RESOLVED:**

That Council:

1. Enter into contract with the following organisations for the Supply and Delivery of Coldmix Asphalt:
 - Downer EDI Works Pty Ltd – for 10mm and 7mm
 - Fulton Hogan Industries Pty Ltd – for 10mm and 7mm
 - Civil Independence Industries Pty Ltd – for 10mm only
 - Bitupave Ltd – for 5mm only.
2. Advise the Central NSW Joint Organisation of its decision.
3. Delegate to the General Manager authority to execute the contracts and any other document necessary for the contracts.

(Newstead/Hutchings)

CARRIED**CONTRACT S3 2025: SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF CONCRETE STORMWATER DRAINAGE PIPES****2602/026 RESOLVED:**

That Council:

1. Enter into contract with Holcim (Australia) Pty Ltd for the Supply and Delivery of Concrete Drainage Pipes
2. Advise the Central NSW Joint Organisation of its decision.
3. Delegate to the General Manager authority to execute the contract and any other document necessary for the contract.

(Gosewisch/Newstead)

CARRIED

**FLYERS CREEK WIND FARM - TV TOWER -
RETRANSMISSION LICENSING**

2602/027

RESOLVED:

That Council:

1. Approves acting as the apparatus licence holder for the Flyers Creek Wind Farm retransmission tower as the self-help provider.
2. Require all costs, risks and obligations associated with the design, construction, operation, maintenance and decommissioning of the facility would remain entirely with Iberdrola Australia or its contractors.
3. Delegates Authority to the Mayor and General Manager to affix Council Seal and execute agreement with Flyers Creek Wind Farm on behalf of Council.
4. Delegates Authority to the General Manager to execute any other documents necessary to give effect to Council acting as the apparatus licence holder of the facility.

(Newstead/Scott)

CARRIED

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 7.34pm.

The Minute Numbers 2602/001 to 2602/027 were confirmed on 24 March 2026 and are a full and accurate record of proceedings of the Ordinary Meeting held on 24 February 2026.



Cr B Reynolds
CHAIR