

**MINUTES OF THE BLAYNEY SHIRE COUNCIL ORDINARY MEETING
HELD IN THE CHAMBERS, BLAYNEY SHIRE COUNCIL COMMUNITY
CENTRE, ON 28 APRIL 2026, COMMENCING AT 6.18PM**

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

Nil

MAYORAL MINUTE

**MAYORAL MINUTE - SUPPORT FOR CAMPAIGN TO
INCREASE FEDERAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS TO LOCAL
GOVERNMENT**

2604/001

RESOLVED:

That Council:

1. Note the Country Mayors Association of NSW "Invest in Us" campaign advocating for increased Commonwealth Financial Assistance Grants to local governments. The campaign seeks to restore at least 1% of total Commonwealth taxation revenue for local councils across Australia.
2. Highlights the critical role local government plays in delivering essential services and infrastructure that underpin community wellbeing, economic vitality, and national resilience.
3. Supports the campaign's core message: 'Invest in us so we can invest in them.'
4. Commit to participating in the campaign by:
 - a. Sharing campaign materials through Council communication channels
 - b. Engaging with local media and community stakeholders to raise awareness.
5. Write to the Prime Minister, Treasurer, Federal Minister for Local Government and the Shadow Minister for Local Government, through the local Member of Parliament, Andrew Gee MP expressing Council's support for the campaign and urging a commitment to the proposed funding increase.

(Reynolds/Scott)

CARRIED

**MAYORAL MINUTE - MILLTHORPE RAILWAY STATION
PLATFORM UPGRADE****2604/002****RESOLVED:**

That Council note the verbal update from the Mayor on the impending platform upgrade at the Millthorpe Railway Station.
(Reynolds/Newstead)

CARRIED**MAYORAL MINUTE - BLAYNEY WIND FARM FUTURE
OPERATIONS UPDATE****2604/003****RESOLVED:**

That Council note the correspondence on the future operations of the Blayney Wind Farm.

(Reynolds/Gosewisch)

CARRIED**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES****MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING HELD 24
MARCH 2026****2604/004****RESOLVED:**

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 24 March 2026, being minute numbers 2603/001 to 2603/017 be confirmed.

(Gosewisch/Scott)

CARRIED**MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

Cr Reynolds asked for clarification on the Financial Assistance Application for the Newbridge War Memorial Park. Cr Scott, as Chair of the Financial Assistance Committee, confirmed the applicant requires the full amount they requested. The other grant funding they were applying for would be to do extra parts of the project, which they have not obtained as yet.

EXECUTIVE SERVICES REPORTS**QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE AT THE PREVIOUS
COUNCIL MEETING HELD 24 MARCH 2026****2604/005****RESOLVED:**

That the questions taken on notice at the Ordinary Council Meeting held 24 March 2026 and subsequent response be received and noted.

(Gosewisch/Newstead)

CARRIED

QUARTERLY OUTSTANDING RESOLUTION REPORT**2604/006****RESOLVED:**

That Council note the Outstanding Resolution Report to March 2026.

(Newstead/Scott)

CARRIED

**LGNSW DESTINATION AND VISITOR ECONOMY
CONFERENCE 2026****2604/007****RESOLVED:**

That Council approve the registration and attendance of Cr Johnston as Blayney Shire Council Delegate to the 2026 LGNSW Destination and Visitor Economy Conference.

(Scott/Newstead)

CARRIED

ORANGE360 FUNDING AGREEMENT**MOTION:**

That Council:

1. Note the Orange 360 Key Performance Indicators Scorecard.
2. Enter into a one-year agreement with TDO Ltd trading as Orange360, with an option in the agreement for a three (3) year extension, to the value of \$81,000 (plus GST), with a CPI annual increase.
3. Authorise the General Manager to finalise updated Key Performance Indicators for Orange360 which will be reported back to Council before 30 June 2026.
4. Receive a report back to Council, before 1 June 2027 to consider the three (3) year option extension.
5. Establish a working group for Visitor Economy businesses from within Blayney Shire.

(Reynolds/Newstead)

Cr Gosewisch moved that the motion be now put.

2604/008**RESOLVED:**

That the motion be put to the vote.

(Gosewisch)

CARRIED

2604/009**RESOLVED:**

That Council:

1. Note the Orange 360 Key Performance Indicators Scorecard.
2. Enter into a one-year agreement with TDO Ltd trading as Orange360, with an option in the agreement for a three (3) year extension, to the value of \$81,000 (plus GST), with a CPI annual increase.
3. Authorise the General Manager to finalise updated Key Performance Indicators for Orange360 which will be reported back to Council before 30 June 2026.

4. Receive a report back to Council, before 1 June 2027 to consider the three (3) year option extension.
5. Establish a working group for Visitor Economy businesses from within Blayney Shire.

(Reyolds/Newstead)

CARRIED

ADDITIONAL DESTINATION MARKETING PARTNERSHIP PROPOSALS

2604/010

RESOLVED:

That Council:

1. Defer a decision on the Bathurst Regional Council 'Central Tablelands' proposal to a future council meeting.
2. Decline the request to create a destination marketing and development partnership with Elevate.

(Newstead/Gosewisch)

CARRIED

CORPORATE SERVICES REPORTS

REPORT OF COUNCIL INVESTMENTS AS AT 31 MARCH 2026

2604/011

RESOLVED:

That Council:

1. Note the report indicating Council's investment position as of 31 March 2026.
2. Note the certification of the Responsible Accounting Officer.

(Gosewisch/Hutchings)

CARRIED

DRAFT 2026/27 - 2029/30 DELIVERY PROGRAM AND 2026/27 OPERATIONAL PLAN

2604/012

RESOLVED:

That Council:

1. Note the certification of the Responsible Accounting Officer.
2. Endorse the draft 2026/27 – 2029/30 Delivery Program and 2026/27 Operational Plan, with the following amendments:
 - a. Increase schools awards assistance from \$100 to \$120 for each of the schools nominated in the Community Financial Assistance Program for 2026/27.
 - b. Remove the spectator fee of \$2 from Centrepoin't's fees and charges.
3. Place the draft 2026/27 - 2029/30 Delivery Program and 2026/27 Operational Plan on public exhibition for a period of 28 days.
4. Note that the 2026/27 Draft Operational Plan forecasts a consolidated Net Operating Result before Capital Items of (\$189k) deficit, represented by
 - a. (\$505k) deficit for General Fund,

- b. \$316k surplus for Sewer Fund,
5. Note that if underlying assumptions around income and expenditure forecasts in the 2026/27 Operational Plan and 2026/27 – 2029/30 Delivery Program – particularly anticipated revenue from new mine rates – do not eventuate, or if unexpected increases in costs (such as fuel prices or environmental compliance costs at the Waste Facility), Council may be required to undertake remedial action to address funding shortfalls.

(Reynolds/Newstead)

CARRIED

2604/013 **ROAD HIERARCHY, RENEWAL AND MAINTENANCE POLICY**
RESOLVED:

That Council:

1. Receive the report on Road Hierarchy, Renewal and Maintenance Policy;
2. Note the submission on the Road Hierarchy, Renewal and Maintenance Policy received during the public exhibition period;
3. Adopt the Road Hierarchy, Renewal and Maintenance Policy and it be included in Council's policy register.

(Newstead/Scott)

CARRIED

2604/014 **PATHWAY HIERARCHY, STANDARD AND MAINTENANCE**
POLICY
RESOLVED:

That Council:

1. Receive the report on Pathway Hierarchy, Standard and Maintenance Policy;
2. Note the submission on the Pathway Hierarchy, Standard and Maintenance Policy received during the public exhibition period;
3. Adopt the Pathway Hierarchy, Standard and Maintenance Policy and it be included in Council's policy register.

(Scott/Gosewisch)

CARRIED

INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES REPORTS

2604/015 **INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES: KEY ACTIVITIES REPORT**
RESOLVED:

That Council note the Infrastructure Services: Key Activities Report for April 2026.

(Scott/Gosewisch)

CARRIED

- 2604/016** **RICHARDS LANE AND INTERSECTION UPGRADE PROJECT**
RESOLVED:
That Council note the project update for the Richards Lane and intersection upgrade project.

(Scott/Gosewisch)
CARRIED

- 2604/017** **MAJOR PLANT PROCUREMENT UPDATE**
RESOLVED:
That Council note the update of fleet and plant procurement for the 2025/26 Financial year.

(Newstead/Hutchings)
CARRIED

- 2604/018** **ACTIVE MOVEMENT STRATEGY: 2026 REVIEW AND UPDATE**
RESOLVED:
That Council:
1. Note the two (2) submissions received during the public exhibition period,
 2. Adopt the Blayney Shire Active Movement Strategy 2026 as modified following consideration of the submissions received during the public exhibition period.

(Hutchings/Gosewisch)
CARRIED

- 2604/019** **PROPOSED (PART) ROAD CLOSURE - BELUBULA STREET NORTH, CARCOAR**
RESOLVED:
That Council:
1. Endorse the closure of the portions of Belubula Street North, Carcoar as per the enclosed diagram that adjoins Lot 67, DP1111005 in accordance with s.38 Roads Act 1993.
 2. Approve the sale price of the land to be \$1, plus all costs associated with the road closure including Council's road closure application fee, survey fees and legal fees.
 3. 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.

(Newstead/Gosewisch)
CARRIED

FLOODPLAIN RISK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES - 1 APRIL 2026

2604/020

RESOLVED:

That Council:

1. Note the minutes of the Flood Risk Management Committee meeting held 1 April 2026.
2. Endorse the 2026 Blayney Local Flood Study be placed on public exhibition for a period of not less than 28 days.
3. Receive a further report following review of public submissions by the Flood Risk Management Committee.

(Scott/Hutchings)

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

2604/021

RESOLVED:

That the Development Assessment Report be received and noted for the period 1 January 2026 to 31 March 2026.

(Scott/Gosewisch)

CARRIED**CLOSED MEETING**

2604/022

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 matter:

SALE OF INDUSTRIAL LAND (EOI 2/2026)

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2) (di) of the Local Government Act, as it deals with commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed (i) prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

(Gosewisch/Hutchings)

CARRIED**CONFIDENTIAL MEETING REPORTS****SALE OF INDUSTRIAL LAND (EOI 2/2026)**

2604/023

RESOLVED:

That Council:

1. Note it has received offers to purchase four (4) industrial allotments from Council under EOI 2/2026.
2. Note an independent property valuation has been obtained for each offer.
3. Decline the four offers as received to purchase the following lots:

Sale Lot Ref.	Title particulars	Address
SL2	Lot 1 / DP842577	8 Tollbar St, Blayney
SL3	Lot 202 / DP1196179	126 Marshalls Lane, Blayney
SL6	Lot 222 / DP1175708	31 Gerty St, Blayney
SL9	Lot 3 / DP1103517	33 Gerty St, Blayney

4. Endorse the sale of Lot 1 / DP842577 for \$420,000 ex GST.
5. Endorse the sale of Lot 202 / DP1196179 for \$505,000 ex GST.
6. That Council endorse execution of relevant contracts and associated documentation by the Mayor and General Manager under Council seal if required.

(Gosewisch/Scott)
CARRIED

2604/024 RESOLVED:

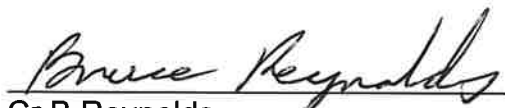
That as consideration of the matters referred to in the closed meeting has been concluded, the meeting now be opened to the public.

(Gosewisch/Scott)
CARRIED

AT THE RE-OPENING OF THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC, THE MAYOR ANNOUNCED THE OUTCOMES OF RESOLUTION NUMBER 2604/023.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 7.29pm.

The Minute Numbers 2604/001 to 2604/024 were confirmed on 26 May 2026 and are a full and accurate record of proceedings of the Ordinary Meeting held on 28 April 2026.


Cr B Reynolds
CHAIR