MINUTES OF THE BLAYNEY SHIRE COUNCIL ORDINARY MEETING HELD IN THE CHAMBERS, BLAYNEY SHIRE COUNCIL COMMUNITY CENTRE, ON 28 JULY 2026, COMMENCING AT 6.00PM

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

General Manager (Mr M Dicker), Director Corporate Services (Mr A Franze), Acting Director Infrastructure Services (Mr L Golding), Director Planning & Environmental Services (Mr A Muir) and Executive Assistant to the General Manager (Mrs L Ferson)

RECORDING OF MEETING STATEMENT

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

APOLOGIES

Cr Iris Dorsett – Leave of Absence approved at June 2026 Council Meeting (Resolution No. 2606/023).

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Nil

MAYORAL MINUTE

MAYORAL MINUTE - HEALTH AND AGED CARE SERVICES IN THE BLAYNEY SHIRE

2607/001 **RESOLVED:**

That Council:

1. Note the correspondence from the Western NSW Local Health District Board chair,
2. Advocate for more Federal Government Assistance in providing additional aged care beds in the Blayney MPS and with private operators,
3. Advocate for the provision of additional allied health services in Blayney Shire.

(Reynolds/Gosewisch)
CARRIED

MAYORAL MINUTE - BELUBULA WATER SECURITY PROJECT OPTIONS REPORT

2607/002 **RESOLVED:**

That Council:

1. Note the report on the Belubula Water Security study including the three remaining options,
2. Continue to advocate for greater water security for Blayney Shire with state and federal governments.

(Reynolds/Newstead)
CARRIED

MAYORAL MINUTE - DISASTER RECOVERY FUNDING PROPOSED CHANGES

2607/003 **RESOLVED:**

That Council:

1. Note the correspondence from Kristy McBain, the Minister for Emergency Management Minister for Regional Development, Local Government and Territories,
2. Make representation through State and Federal Members to the Prime Minister, NSW Premier and the relevant Federal and State Ministers, and to LGNSW, to ensure that any proposed changes to the Federal and State Government formulas for disaster management funding, do not result in further cost shifting that results in the dilution of funds available to local government, or the transfer of unfunded costs and / or responsibilities to local government.

(Reynolds/Scott)
CARRIED

MAYORAL MINUTE - GRANTS COMMISSION REVIEW OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS

2607/004 **RESOLVED:**

That Council:

1. Note the update from the Local Government Grants Commission regarding the review of Financial Assistance Grants,
2. Prepare a submission from Blayney Shire Council highlighting the lower payments made to our Council compared to our equivalent counterparts and highlight the need for greater assistance to provide services to our community.

(Reynolds/Gosewisch)
CARRIED

MAYORAL MINUTE - NSW PLANNING REFORMS UPDATE

2607/005 **RESOLVED:**

That Council note the update on planning reforms from NSW Planning Minister, Paul Scully.

(Reynolds/Newstead)
CARRIED

MAYORAL MINUTE - DRAFT MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT FOR COUNCILLORS

2607/006 **RESOLVED:**

That Council note the Model Code of Conduct for Councillors is currently being reviewed and a draft is now out for public comment.

(Reynolds/Gosewisch)
CARRIED

MAYORAL MINUTE - LOW LEVEL OF OUTSTANDING RATES IN BLAYNEY SHIRE

2607/007 **RESOLVED:**

That Council note:

1. The low level (1.1%) of outstanding rates within Blayney Shire,
2. Blayney Shire has the lowest level of outstanding rates in NSW,
3. Blayney Shire sits in 9th place with outstanding rates at a national level.

(Reynolds/Newstead)
CARRIED

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING HELD 16 JUNE 2026

2607/008 **RESOLVED:**

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 16 June 2026, being minute numbers 2606/001 to 2606/023 be confirmed.

(Scott/Newstead)
CARRIED

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Cr Reynolds asked for an update on the Code of Meeting Practice. The General Manager advised that the Local Government Regulations have been updated. We now await advice from the Office of Local Government and LGNSW.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD 30 JUNE 2026

2607/009 **RESOLVED:**

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 30 June 2026, being minute numbers 2606/E001 to 2606/E003 be confirmed.

(Gosewisch/Hutchings)
CARRIED

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Cr Newstead asked for an update on the Western Regional Planning Panel meeting. The Director Planning and Environmental Services confirmed that the matter was deferred, with the meeting set for 11 August 2026.

EXECUTIVE SERVICES REPORTS

QUARTERLY OUTSTANDING RESOLUTION REPORT

2607/010 **RESOLVED:**
That Council note the Outstanding Resolution Report to June 2026.

(Newstead/Scott)
CARRIED

COUNCIL MEETING DATES

2607/011 **RESOLVED:**
That Council adopt the following dates for Ordinary Meetings of Council for the next 12 months, to be held at 6.00pm in the Blayney Shire Community Centre.

- 27 October 2026
- 17 November 2026
- 15 December 2026
- 23 February 2027
- 23 March 2027
- 27 April 2027
- 25 May 2027
- 22 June 2027
- 27 July 2027
- 24 August 2027
- 28 September 2027

(Scott/Gosewisch)
CARRIED

LGNSW ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2026

2607/012 **RESOLVED:**
That Council:

1. Nominate the Mayor as voting delegate to the 2026 LGNSW Annual Conference;
2. Approve the registration and attendance of the following as Blayney Shire Council Delegates to the 2026 LGNSW Conference:
   a. Mayor
   b. Cr Scott

(Scott/Gosewisch)
CARRIED

NEWBRIDGE ART SHOW - INSURANCE REIMBURSEMENT REQUEST

2607/013 **RESOLVED:**
That Council decline the request from Newbridge Art Show Inc seeking insurance reimbursement of $1,812.55 for the 2026 Spring into Art event at Newbridge.

(Gosewisch/Scott)
CARRIED

CORPORATE SERVICES REPORTS

REPORT OF COUNCIL INVESTMENTS AS AT 30 JUNE 2026

2607/014 **RESOLVED:**
That Council:
1. Note the report indicating Council's investment position as of 30 June 2026.
2. Note the certification of the Responsible Accounting Officer.

(Scott/Newstead)
CARRIED

FINANCIAL YEAR END WRITE-OFF REPORT

2607/015 **RESOLVED:**
That Council;
1. Approve the write-off of $2,376.99 following the Bi-Annual stocktake conducted on 23 June 2026.
2. Note the write-off of $209.46 approved under General Manager delegation for the six month period.
3. Approve an increase to the General Manager delegation of authority to write off stores and materials to a value not exceeding $5,000, following a Bi-Annual stocktake.

(Scott/Newstead)
CARRIED

COMPLIANCE AND REPORTING ACTIVITIES

2607/016 **RESOLVED:**
That Council note the report on Compliance and Reporting Activities for the six month period to June 2026.

(Scott/Gosewisch)
CARRIED

REVIEW OF AGENCY INFORMATION GUIDE

2607/017 **RESOLVED:**
That Council adopt the Agency Information Guide and Proactive Release Program for the ensuing 12 months and make it available through the Council website.

(Newstead/Scott)
CARRIED

REVIEW OF COUNCIL POLICIES

2607/018 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
Restricted and Unrestricted Cash Policy
Borrowings Policy

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

(Scott/Hutchings)
CARRIED

INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES REPORTS

INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES: KEY ACTIVITIES REPORT

2607/019 RESOLVED:

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

(Gosewisch/Newstead)
CARRIED

RICHARDS LANE AND INTERSECTION UPGRADE PROJECT

2607/020 RESOLVED:

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

(Scott/Gosewisch)
CARRIED

LAND ACQUISITION FOR ROAD REALIGNMENT BETWEEN 860 AND 1150 ERROWANBANG ROAD - DP1216561

2607/021 RESOLVED:

That Council:

1. Endorse the closure of road reserve identified as Lots 11, 12 and 14 in DP1216561.
2. 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.

(Gosewisch/Newstead)
CARRIED

TENDER 7-2023: SUPPLY, DELIVERY AND PLACEMENT OF SPRAYED BITUMINOUS SURFACING - EXTENSION

2607/022 RESOLVED:
That Council approve the 12-month extension of contract with Fulton Hogan Industries Pty Ltd for the quality assured, schedule of rates contract for the Supply, Delivery and Placement of Sprayed Bituminous Surfacing.

(Scott/Hutchings)
CARRIED

BLAYNEY SHOWGROUND CATTLE YARDS

2607/023 RESOLVED:
That Council endorse the proposal from Blayney Shire Horse Sports for the installation of permanent cattle yards at the Blayney Showground.

(Scott/Hutchings)
CARRIED

PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORTS

DEVELOPMENT ASSESSMENT REPORT

2607/024 RESOLVED:
That the Development Assessment Report be received and noted for the period 1 April 2026 to 30 June 2026.

(Reynolds/Scott)
CARRIED

PLANNING PROPOSAL: PP-2026-1505 FOR 34 CHARLES STREET, BLAYNEY TO INTRODUCE A NEW LAND USE ZONE TO THE BLEP 2012; BEING R2 LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL, REZONE THE LAND FROM RU2 TO R2 AND AMEND THE MINIMUM LOT SIZE REQUIREMENTS FROM 100 HECTARES TO 2000SQM

2607/025 RESOLVED:
That Council:

1. Note in addition to Council resolution 2602/008, the Planning Proposal has been amended to include the introduction of the R2 Low Density Residential zone into the Blayney Local Environmental Plan.
2. Endorse the introduction of the R2 Low Density Residential zone and land use table adopting the Standard Instrument requirements into the Blayney Local Environmental Plan.
3. Submit the amended Planning Proposal to the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces in accordance with Section 3.3491) 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.
4. Request delegation to finalise and make the draft Local Environmental Plan pursuant to Section 3.36 of the

Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.

5. Proceed to 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.

(Scott/Gosewisch)

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

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

CARRIED

DELEGATES REPORTS

LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW DESTINATION AND VISITOR ECONOMY CONFERENCE

2607/026 **RESOLVED:**

That Council note the report from Councillor Johnston on the 2026 Destination & Visitor Economy Conference.

(Johnston/Newstead)

CARRIED

COUNTRY MAYORS ASSOCIATION OF NSW - ROADS, TRANSPORT AND DISASTER RECOVERY FORUM - BALLINA 1-2 JULY 2026

2607/027 **RESOLVED:**

That Council note the report from the Mayor on the recent Country Mayors Association meeting held 1-2 July 2026.

(Reynolds/Scott)

CARRIED

MCPHILLAMYS GOLD PROJECT: MAY 2026 COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

2607/028 **RESOLVED:**

That Council note the delegates report on the McPhillamys Gold Project Community Consultative Committee meeting held 25 May 2026.

(Reynolds/Scott)

CARRIED

CANOBOLAS ZONE NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE BUSH FIRE LIAISON COMMITTTEE DELEGATE REPORT

2607/029 RESOLVED:

That Council note the Canobolas Zone NSW Rural Fire Service Liaison Committee delegate report.

(Reynolds/Scott)
CARRIED

AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION (ALGA) CONFERENCE, REGIONAL FORUM AND NATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT

2607/030 RESOLVED:

That Council note the delegates report from the Mayor and Cr Gosewisch on the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) Conference, Regional Forum and National General Assembly of Local Government.

(Gosewisch/Reynolds)
CARRIED

CLOSED MEETING

2607/031 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.

(Hutchings/Scott)
CARRIED

CONFIDENTIAL MEETING REPORTS

SALE OF INDUSTRIAL LAND (EOI 2/2026)

2607/032 RESOLVED:

That Council:

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

Sale Lot Ref.	Title particulars	Address
SL2	Lot 1 / DP842577	8 Tollbar St, Blayney
SL6	Lot 222 / DP1175708	31 Gerty St, Blayney

(Gosewisch/Newstead)
CARRIED

2607/033 **RESOLVED:**
That as consideration of the matters referred to in the closed meeting has been concluded, the meeting now be opened to the public.

(Hutchings/Newstead)
CARRIED

AT THE RE-OPENING OF THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC, THE MAYOR ANNOUNCED THE OUTCOMES OF RESOLUTION NUMBER 2607/032.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 7.28pm.

The Minute Numbers 2607/001 to 2607/033 were confirmed on 25 August 2026 and are a full and accurate record of proceedings of the Ordinary Meeting held on 28 July 2026.

Bruce Reynolds

Cr B Reynolds
CHAIR