

**MINUTES OF THE BLAYNEY SHIRE COUNCIL ORDINARY MEETING  
HELD IN THE CHAMBERS, BLAYNEY SHIRE COUNCIL COMMUNITY  
CENTRE, ON 28 OCTOBER 2025, COMMENCING AT 6.03PM**

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

Acting General Manager (Mr J Hogan), Director Corporate Services (Mr A Franze), Acting Director Infrastructure Services (Mr J Cummings), Director Planning & Environmental Services (Mr A Muir), Executive Assistant to the General Manager (Mrs L Ferson) and IT Officer (Mr K Proctor)

**RECORDING OF MEETING STATEMENT**

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

**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 Dorsett	Non Pecuniary (Less than Significant)	13	90	Minutes of the Financial Assistance Committee Meeting held 14 October 2025	Vice President of Blayney Shire Local and Family History Group who are a potential recipient of funding.
Cr Dorsett	Non Pecuniary (Less than Significant)	16	106	Development Assessment Report	Son applicant of pending subdivision.
Cr Newstead	Non Pecuniary (Less than Significant)	17	113	DA2025/0008 Centre Based Child Care (Early Education Facility) & Subdivision (Boundary Adjustment) on Lots 9 & 10 in DP 6146, 99 Forest Reefs Road, Millthorpe	Nephew owns the other Child Care Centre in Millthorpe.

**MAYORAL MINUTE**

**MAYORAL MINUTE - UPDATE ON THE MCPHILLAMYS  
PROJECT AT KINGS PLAINS**

2510/001

**RESOLVED:**

That Council notes the latest update on the McPhillamys Project at Kings Plains.

(Reynolds)  
**CARRIED**

**LATE MAYORAL MINUTES**

**MAYORAL MINUTE - BELUBULA WATER SECURITY  
PROJECT SHORTLIST OF POTENTIAL PROJECT OPTIONS**

2510/002

**RESOLVED:**

That Council note the three shortlisted options and provides feedback on future business developments in the Shire.

(Reynolds)  
**CARRIED**

**MAYORAL MINUTE - MILLTHORPE JUNIOR SOCCER CLUB  
NSW COMMUNITY CLUB OF THE YEAR**

2510/003

**RESOLVED:**

That Council notes the achievement of the Millthorpe Junior Soccer Club in being awarded the NSW Football Community Club of the Year.

(Reynolds)  
**CARRIED**

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING HELD 23  
SEPTEMBER 2025**

2510/004

**RESOLVED:**

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 23 September 2025, being minute numbers 2509/001 to 2509/018 be confirmed.

(Gosewisch/Hutchings)  
**CARRIED**

**MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

Nil

**EXECUTIVE SERVICES REPORTS**

**QUARTERLY OUTSTANDING RESOLUTION REPORT**

2510/005

**RESOLVED:**

That Council note the Outstanding Resolution Report to September 2025.

(Newstead/Gosewisch)  
**CARRIED**

**AUSTRALIA DAY COMMITTEE**

2510/006

**RESOLVED:**

That Council:

1. Note the review of the Australia Day Committee composition undertaken.
2. Approve the composition of the Blayney Shire Council Australia Day Committee to be:
  - The Mayor,
  - A Councillor,
  - President of the Blayney Rotary Club,
  - President of the Blayney View Club,
  - The current year's Citizen of the Year recipient.
3. Appoint Councillor Newstead to the Blayney Shire Council Australia Day Committee for the term of this Council.

(Scott/Gosewisch)

**CARRIED****CORPORATE SERVICES REPORTS****2024/25 AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

2510/007

**RESOLVED:**

That Council adopt the 2024/25 Financial Statements and accept the Auditor's Report, as submitted by the NSW Audit Office.

(Newstead/Gosewisch)

**CARRIED****PRESENTATION**

Presentation of Financial Statements – Katy Henry from Intentus and Farisha Ali from the NSW Audit Office.

**2024/25 ANNUAL REPORT**

2510/008

**RESOLVED:**

That Council endorse the 2024/25 Annual Report for lodgement with the Office of Local Government.

(Newstead/Gosewisch)

**CARRIED****REPORT OF COUNCIL INVESTMENTS AS AT 30****SEPTEMBER 2025**

2510/009

**RESOLVED:**

That Council:

1. Note the report indicating Council's investment position as of 30 September 2025.
2. Note the certification of the Responsible Accounting Officer.

(Scott/Gosewisch)

**CARRIED**

**CODE OF CONDUCT COMPLAINTS FOR REPORTING PERIOD**

2510/010

**RESOLVED:**

That Council receive the report on Code of Conduct complaints for the reporting period to 31 August 2025.

(Scott/Hutchings)

**CARRIED**

**DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST BY COUNCILLORS AND DESIGNATED PERSONS**

2510/011

**RESOLVED:**

That Council receive the “Disclosures by Councillors and Designated Persons” Returns for the period ending 30 June 2025.

(Newstead/Gosewisch)

**CARRIED**

**DRAFT CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE**

2510/012

**RESOLVED:**

That Council endorse the draft Code of Meeting Practice and place it on public exhibition for a period of not less than 42 days.

(Gosewisch/Newstead)

**CARRIED**

**ENDORSEMENT OF COUNCIL POLICIES**

2510/013

**RESOLVED:**

That Council;

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

<b>Policy Name</b>
Modern Slavery Prevention Policy
Community Land Management Plan
Council Development – Conflict of Interest Policy
Unreasonable and Unreasonably Persistent Customer Policy
Cyber Security Framework

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

(Dorsett/Scott)

**CARRIED**

**IMPENDING VACANCY - AUDIT RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE**

2510/014

**RESOLVED:**

That Council;

1. Note the report on the Impending Vacancy - Audit, Risk Improvement Committee.
2. Appoint Ron Gillard as the Independent Chairperson of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Independent, from the CNSWJO Regional Panel for Audit, Risk Improvement Committee Independent Members, for one term effective from 15 February 2026 to 14 February 2030.

(Newstead/Gosewisch)

**CARRIED**

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

**MINUTES OF THE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 14 OCTOBER 2025**

2510/015

**RESOLVED:**

That Council;

1. Receive the minutes of the meeting held 14 October 2025.
2. Note the approvals of fee waivers under delegation by the General Manager, in the amount of \$1,635.
3. Approve the recommendations for 2025/26 – Round 1 of the Community Financial Assistance Program by the Financial Assistance Program Committee, in the amount of \$28,272 being:

<b>No.</b>	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>\$</b>
2	Blayney Shire Local & Family History Group	500
3	National All Breeds Junior Heifer Show	3,000
4	Newbridge Progress Association	1,560
5	Neville Equine Performance Inc.	2,750
6	WDC - Working Dog Challenge	2,251
7	Country Education Foundation of Orange and District	5,000
8	Blayney Town Association	3,000
9	Mandurama Public Hall Reserve Trust	9,921
10	Blayney Junior Soccer Club	290

4. Note that Round 2 of funding available will be reduced to remain within the 2025/26 approved budget.
5. Note that no funding be allocated for Flagship funding and feedback be provided to applicants as outlined in assessment table.

(Scott/Newstead)

**CARRIED**

Cr Dorsett returned to the Chambers.

**INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES REPORTS****INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES MONTHLY REPORT****2510/016****RESOLVED:**

That Council note the Infrastructure Services Monthly Report for October 2025.

(Gosewisch/Hutchings)

**CARRIED**

**LAND ACQUISITION - ERROWANBANG ROAD - DP1231139****2510/017****RESOLVED:**

That Council approve:

1. The compulsory acquisition of Lots 5 and 8 in DP1231139, registered 23 May 2017; and
2. The making of an Application to the Minister for Local Government and the Governor for approval of such compulsory acquisition; and
3. Upon acquisition, the land be classified as “operational land” under s.31 of the Local Government Act 1993; and
4. The execution on all documents associated with the compulsory acquisition for Lots 5 and 8 DP1231139, under Council seal, by the Mayor and General Manager.

(Scott/Gosewisch)

**CARRIED**

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

**PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORTS****DEVELOPMENT ASSESSMENT REPORT****2510/018****RESOLVED:**

That the Development Assessment Report be received and noted.

(Scott/Hutchings)

**CARRIED**

Cr Dorsett returned to the Chambers.

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

**DA2025/0008 CENTRE BASED CHILD CARE (EARLY EDUCATION FACILITY) & SUBDIVISION (BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT) ON LOTS 9 & 10 IN DP 6146, 99 FOREST REEFS ROAD, MILLTHORPE**

2510/019

**RESOLVED:**

That Council:

1. Support the variation to the Blayney Development Control Plan 201, F3.2 Access to Battle-Axe Lots that requires a minimum 2.4m wide sealed or concrete pavement the full length of the access handle in accordance with Council's Guidelines for *Engineering Works (as amended)* prior to the release of the Subdivision Certificate; and
2. Consent to Development Application 2025/0008 for the Construction of a Centre Based Child Care (Early Education Facility) & Subdivision (Boundary Adjustment) on Lots 9 & 10 in DP 6146, 99 Forest Reefs Road, Millthorpe subject to draft conditions of consent.

(Scott/Hutchings)

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

<b>FOR</b>	<b>AGAINST</b>	
Councillor Reynolds		
Councillor Gosewisch		
Councillor Dorsett		
Councillor Hutchings		
Councillor Scott		
Councillor Johnston		
<b>Total (6)</b>	<b>Total (0)</b>	<b>CARRIED</b>

Cr Newstead returned to the Chambers.

**DA2024/0063 - DETACHED DUAL OCCUPANCY AND 2 LOT  
SUBDIVISION - 24 KNOX PLACE, MILLTHORPE**

2510/020

**RESOLVED:**

That development consent be granted to Development Application 2024.0063 for the erection of a dual occupancy and a two-lot subdivision at Lot 11, DP 1291217, 24 Knox Place, Millthorpe subject to the conditions outlined in the assessment report attached to the business paper.

(Gosewisch/Newstead)

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 Dorsett  
Councillor Hutchings  
Councillor Scott  
Councillor Johnston  
**Total (7)**

**Total (0)****CARRIED****DELEGATES REPORTS**

**CANOBOLAS ZONE NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE BUSH FIRE  
LIAISON COMMITTEE DELEGATE REPORT**

2510/021

**RESOLVED:**

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

(Dorsett/Newstead)

**CARRIED****CLOSED MEETING**

2510/022

**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:

**LEASE OF PART LOT 24 IN DP1288588 - CHURCH HILL,  
BLAYNEY**

*This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2) (e) of the Local Government Act, as it deals with information that would, if disclosed, prejudice the maintenance of law.*

Gosewisch/Scott)

**CARRIED**

**CONFIDENTIAL MEETING REPORTS**

**LEASE OF PART LOT 24 IN DP1288588 - CHURCH HILL,  
BLAYNEY**

**2510/023**

**RESOLVED:**

That Council;

1. Note the report on the lease of Part Lot 24 DP 1288588, Blayney (Church Hill, Blayney).
2. Endorse execution of the 5 x 5-year leases of Part Lot 24 DP 1288588, Blayney (Church Hill, Blayney) to Bathurst Broadcasters Pty Ltd by the Mayor and General Manager.

(Gosewisch/Newstead)

**CARRIED**

**2510/024**

**RESOLVED:**

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

(Hutchings/Gosewisch)

**CARRIED**

**AT THE RE-OPENING OF THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC, THE MAYOR  
ANNOUNCED THE OUTCOME OF RESOLUTION NUMBER 2510/023.**

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 7.38pm.

The Minute Numbers 2510/001 to 2510/024 were confirmed on 18 November 2025 and are a full and accurate record of proceedings of the Ordinary Meeting held on 28 October 2025.



Cr B Reynolds

**CHAIR**