

BLAYNEY SHIRE COUNCIL ORDINARY MEETING,
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS,
ON 14 SEPTEMBER 2009, COMMENCING AT 6.00 PM

Present: Crs B Kingham (Mayor), D Bell, G Braddon OAM, A Ewin, S Ferguson, K Radburn and R Reeks.

General Manager (Mr A Jones), Director Corporate Services (Mr A Franze), Director Engineering (Mr G Baker), Director Environmental Services (Mr P O'Brien) and Administrative Officer (Miss L Fuller).

ELECTION OF MAYOR

The General Manager acted as the Returning Officer for the election of Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

The Returning Officer advised that two nominations had been received for the position of Mayor for the twelve month term commencing the 14th September 2009, being Councillors Kingham and Ferguson.

0909/001) RESOLVED:

1. That the election of Mayor be by Open Ballot (Ewin/Braddon)

The Returning Officer conducted the election and declared Councillor Kingham as Mayor for the twelve month term commencing 14th September 2009.

ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

The Returning Officer advised that two nominations had been received for the position of Deputy Mayor for the twelve month term commencing the 14th September 2009 being Councillors Radburn and Ewin.

0909/002) RESOLVED:

1. That the election of Deputy Mayor be by Open Ballot (Ewin/Braddon)

The Returning Officer conducted the election and declared Councillor Radburn as Deputy Mayor for the twelve month term commencing the 14th September 2009.

FIXATION OF MEETING DATES AND TIMES FOR ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL FOR THE FOLLOWING 12 MONTHS

0909/003) RESOLVED:

1. That the dates outlined in the Report by the General Manager, relating to meeting dates and times for ordinary meetings of Council for the next 12 months, be adopted. (Ewin/Bell)

Mayor, Councillor Kingham, commenced Chairing the Meeting.

0909/004) CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF 10 AUGUST 2009**RESOLVED:**

1. That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 10 August 2009, being Minute Numbers 0906/001 to 0905/035 be confirmed. (Reeks/Bell)

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

0909/005) The General Manager reported the following Disclosure of Interest forms had been submitted:

Councillor /Staff	Interest	Item	Pg	Report	Reason
Ewin	Pecuniary	4	4	Invitation to Cadia Valley Operations	Employee
Bell	Pecuniary	4	4	Invitation to Cadia Valley Operations	Step daughter employed by Cadia
Radburn	Pecuniary	4	4	Invitation to Cadia Valley Operations	Nephew employed by contractor of Cadia
Reeks	Pecuniary	4	4	Invitation to Cadia Valley Operations	Brother employed by Cadia
Kingham	Pecuniary	4	4	Invitation to Cadia Valley Operations	Son employed by Cadia
Kingham	Pecuniary	11	22	Noxious Weed Control	Nephew employed by Upper Macquarie County Council
Kingham	Non-Pecuniary	15	32	Development Applications – August 2009	Son and daughter-in-law named in report

0909/006) MAYORAL MINUTE

Salinity and Water Quality Alliance Awarded at the Stormwater Industry Association of NSW annual awards of Excellence.

At the recent NSW Stormwater Industry Association Conference and Annual Awards, Blayney Shire Council and other Councils within the Central West Catchment area, were recognised with the awarding of a “Merit in the Field of Excellence in Stormwater Education” award.

The Salinity and Water Quality Alliance (Alliance) is a group made up of 13 Local Councils from across the Central West Catchment, that with the support of the Central West CMA, have undertaken projects targeting stormwater and water quality issues, as well as natural resource management issues that affect the waterways of the Central West Catchment. These programs are enhanced by an extensive program of education and capacity building, which highlight the importance of stormwater management.

Council continues to engage with both the Lachlan and Central West CMA’s to provide for improved stormwater and environmental outcomes, and in particular the Millthorpe stormwater and biodiversity project. Councils’ Directors of Engineering and Environmental Services both attend CMA meetings on a routine basis. (Kingham/Radburn)

NOTICE OF MOTION

Councillor Kingham vacated the Chair.

Councillors Ewin, Bell, Radburn, Reeks and Kingham declared a pecuniary interest and left the Chambers.

INVITATION TO CADIA VALLEY OPERATIONS**MOTION:**

1. That a letter be drafted for the Mayor's signature inviting the management of CVO to a tour of Blayney Shire's services and facilities.

General Manager advised that in the absence of a quorum the Motion has lapsed.

Councillors Ewin, Bell, Raburn, Reeks and Kingham returned to the Chambers.

Councillor Kingham resumed the Chair.

CORPORATE SERVICES REPORTS**QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE REPORT – JUNE 2009****0909/007) RESOLVED:**

1. That the Quarterly Review of Council's 2008 – 2013 Management Plan as at 30th June 2009 be received and adopted. (Radburn/Bell)

REPORT OF COUNCIL INVESTMENTS AS AT 31st AUGUST 2009**0909/008) RESOLVED:**

1. That the Report indicating Council's Investment position as at 31 August 2009 be received and noted.
2. That the Certification of the Responsible Accounting Officer be noted and the Report, be adopted. (Ewin/Bell)

COMPARATIVE INFORMATION ON NSW LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCILS 2007/2008**0909/009) RESOLVED:**

1. That the information on Comparative Information on NSW Local Government Councils for 2007/08 be noted. (Reeks/Radburn)

GOLDEN GULLY RESERVE

It was **MOVED:**

That Council:

1. withdraw from further involvement with the Golden Gully Reserve; and,
2. investigate alternative sites along the Belubula River for the establishment of an appropriate fishing/camping/picnicking reserve. (Bell/Radburn)

An Amendment was **MOVED**:

That Council:

1. withdraw from further involvement with the Golden Gully Reserve; and,
2. investigate alternative sites along the Belubula River for the establishment of an appropriate fishing/camping/picnicking reserve.
3. That the \$123, 275 be held in a restricted cash asset for the purpose of recommendation two above. (Braddon/Radburn)

The AMENDMENT on being put was CARRIED.

The AMENDMENT became the MOTION.

0909/010)

RESOLVED:

That Council:

1. withdraw from further involvement with the Golden Gully Reserve; and,
2. investigate alternative sites along the Belubula River for the establishment of an appropriate fishing/camping/picnicking reserve.
3. That the \$123, 275 be held in a restricted cash asset for the purpose of recommendation two above. (Braddon/Radburn)

**PROMOTING BETTER PRACTICE REVIEW ACTION PLAN
REVIEW – AUGUST 2009**

0909/011)

RESOLVED:

1. That the report providing an update of Council's progress in achieving the outcomes of the Promoting Better Practice Review Action Plan be received and noted. (Radburn/Bell)

ENGINEERING REPORTS

NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL

Councillor Kingham declared a pecuniary interest, vacated the Chair and left the Chambers. Councillor Radburn assumed the Chair of the Meeting.

0909/012)

RESOLVED:

That Council:-

1. provide in principle support to the Upper Macquarie County Council (UMCC) proposal to erect permanent roadside signs to encourage noxious weed control at no cost to Blayney Shire Council.
2. staff assist, in determining suitable locations for the signs, in accordance with Council's Environmental Services Departments requirements.
3. offer UMCC the use of its variable message board for use within the Blayney Shire area to encourage the positive action of landholders in the control of noxious weeds. (Braddon/Ewin)

Councillor Kingham returned to the Chambers and resumed the Chair of the Meeting.

MILLTHORPE SKATEPARK UPDATE**0909/013) RESOLVED:**

1. That the report on the Millthorpe Skatepark Project be noted. (Radburn/Bell)

WORKS PROGRESS**0909/014) RESOLVED:**

1. That the report on works progress for the five (5) week period ended 30th August 2009 be received and noted. (Braddon/Bell)

STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN FOR SEWERAGE SERVICES**0909/015) RESOLVED:**

1. That Council adopt the Strategic Business Plan for Sewerage Services. (Ferguson/Radburn)

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORTS**DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS – AUGUST 2009**

Councillor Kingham declared a non-pecuniary interest.

0909/016) RESOLVED:

1. That the Report on Development Applications received for August 2009, be noted. (Radburn/Reeks)

Councillor Kingham returned to the Chambers and resumed the Chair of the Meeting.

DEVELOPMENT APPROVALS – AUGUST 2009**0909/017) RESOLVED:**

1. That the Report on Development Approvals for August 2009 be noted. (Ferguson/Ewin)

COMMITTEE REPORTS**MINUTES OF THE BLAYNEY SHIRE YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING – 4 JUNE 2009****0909/018) RESOLVED:**

1. That the Minutes of the Youth Council Meeting, held on 4 June 2009 be received and noted. (Ferguson/Radburn)

MINUTES OF THE BLAYNEY SHIRE YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING – 2 JULY 2009**0909/019) RESOLVED:**

1. That the Minutes of the Youth Council Meeting, held on 2 July 2009 be received and noted. (Ferguson/Ewin)

MINUTES OF THE BLAYNEY SHIRE TOURISM COMMITTEE MEETING – 9 JULY 2009**0909/020) RESOLVED:**

1. That the Minutes of the Tourism Committee Meeting, held on 9 July 2009 be received and noted. (Ewin/Reeks)

MINUTES OF THE BLAYNEY SHIRE YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING – 6 AUGUST 2009

0909/021) **RESOLVED:**

1. That the Minutes of the Youth Council Meeting, held on 6 August 2009 be received and noted. (Ewin/Reeks)

BELLS LINE EXPRESSWAY GROUP MINUTES - MEETING HELD 20 JULY 2009

0909/022) **RESOLVED:**

1. That the Minutes of the Bells Line Expressway Group, held on 20 July 2009 be received and noted. (Radburn/Bell)

QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

0909/023) **CR BRADDON – RAILWAY CROSSING ADELAIDE STREET**

Between the hours of 7.30am and 9.00am three mornings out of five a train is shunting on the main Bathurst to Orange line in relation to Linfox. Time and time gain part of the flattop is over the crossing and disrupting traffic coming in and out of Blayney. The schools buses, local businesses and general public are affected.

Can the General Manager write to the operators of this line and request that they alter their schedules so as to minimise disruptions during peak periods.

The General Manager confirmed that Council will send a letter to the operators of this line.

0909/024) **CR BRADDON – BLAYNEY POLICE STATION**

Residents of the Shire are fed up with being put through to Bathurst Police Station in situations where they require immediate assistance. An example of this problem is the day of the derailment on the crossing in Adelaide Street.

Can the General Manager liaise with the Chifley Area Command to discuss ways of increasing the Police service in Blayney?

The General Manager confirmed that the Mayor would raise this matter at the next CASP meeting.

0909/025) **CR BRADDON – BLAYNEY TO NEWBRIDGE ROAD**

The Blayney-Newbridge road needs upgrading as soon as possible for the welfare of the people that use it and the prosperity of the Shire as a whole. Can this project be listed for inclusion in future Council Management Plans?

The General Manager confirmed that the upgrading of the Blayney-Newbridge road would be considered when preparing future Management Plans.

0909/026) CR RADBURN – BMX TRACK

How are things progressing with the area identified for a BMX Track?

The General Manager confirmed that Council was waiting on a response from the land owner in relation to lease etc. Once a response is received, if appropriate, the matter would be referred to the Youth Council.

0909/027) CR FERGUSON – INDEPENDENT PRICING AND REGULATORY TRIBUNAL (IPART)

In regards to the draft report from the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) which is about the future Revenue Framework for Local Government are we considering making a submission before the deadline on the 18th September?

The General Manager confirmed that a submission was being prepared through both the WBC Alliance and the LGFP. The Director of Corporate Services attended a workshop recently and spoke to Councillors briefly about this workshop.

0909/028) CR FERGUSON – ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY CHARTER

Councillor Ferguson – Our WBC Alliance Board has recently signed off on our Environmental Sustainability charter, could Councillors receive a copy of this charter?

The General Manager confirmed a copy of the signed sustainability charter will be provided to each Councillor.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 7.08pm

The Minute Numbers 0909/001 to 0909/028 were confirmed on 11 October 2009 and are a full and accurate record of proceedings of the Ordinary Meeting held on 14 September 2009.

Cr BR Kingham
MAYOR

Mr Aaron L Jones
GENERAL MANAGER