

Glen Innes Severn Ordinary Council Meeting

20 FEBRUARY 2025

Minutes



SEVERN COUNCIL
ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

MINUTES

From the meeting held at the Glen Innes Severn Learning Centre,
William Gardner Conference Room, Grey Street, Glen Innes on:
Thursday, 20 February 2025 at 9:00 AM

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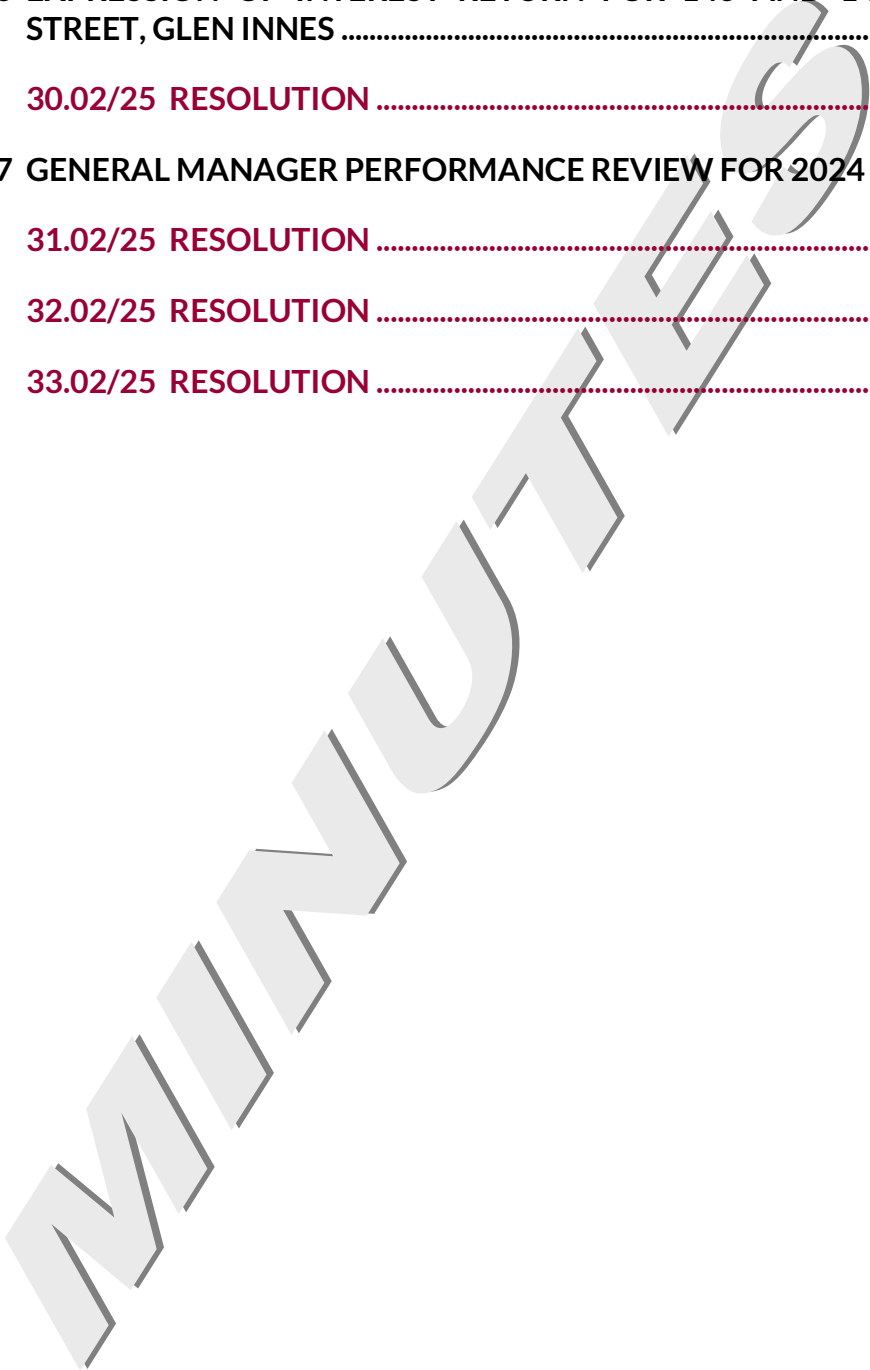
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COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

No community members addressed Council.

PRESENT: Cr Margot Davis (Mayor), Cr Carol Sparks (Deputy Mayor), Cr Tim Alt, Cr Troy Arandale, Cr Max Elphick, Cr Andrew Parsons and Cr David Scott.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr Bernard Smith (General Manager), Mr David Hunt (Acting Director of Infrastructure Services), Mrs Riarna Sheridan (Director of Place and Growth), Lindsay Woodland (Director of Corporate and Community Services), Mr Shageer Mohammed (Chief Financial Officer), Mr Andrew Neil (Manager of Growth and Development) and Mrs Debbie Duffell (Executive Assistant (Mayor and General Manager)).

OPENED: 9.00am.

The Mayor read the following statement regarding video and audio recording of the Council Meeting:

"This Council Meeting is being streamed live, recorded and published in accordance with Council's Code of Meeting Practice. No other persons are permitted to record the Meeting, unless specifically authorised by Council to do so.

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Attendees are advised that they may be subject to legal action if their actions result in inappropriate and/or unacceptable behaviour and/or comments.

Thank you."

1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Mayor read the following "Acknowledgement to Country":

"I acknowledge the Ngarabul people as the traditional custodians of this land and pay my respect to the Elders past, present and emerging. I also extend that respect to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people here today."

2 OPENING WITH PRAYER

David Robinson opened the Meeting with a prayer.

3 APOLOGIES AND APPLICATIONS FOR A LEAVE OF ABSENCE BY COUNCILLORS

No apologies were given as all Councillors were in attendance.

4 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS ORDINARY MEETING - 19 DECEMBER 2024 TO BE CONFIRMED

Moved Cr T Alt

Seconded Cr C Sparks

1.02/25 RESOLUTION

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 19 December 2024, copies of which were circulated, be taken as read and confirmed as a correct record of the proceedings of the Meeting.

A division was called for, voting on which was as follows:

For

Against

Cr M Davis

Nil

Cr C Sparks

Cr T Alt

Cr T Arandale

Cr M Elphick

Cr A Parsons

Cr D Scott

The division was declared carried by 7 votes to 0.

CARRIED

5 DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

The Director of Place and Growth, Riarna Sheridan, declared a Conflict of Interest regarding Item 12.2 “Development Assessment Report – DA 34/24-25”, and Item 12.3 “Development Assessment Report – DA 35/24-25” as she was previously engaged by the applicant.

The Director advised that she was not involved with the preparation of the reports and intends to vacate the meeting during the discussion of these two items.

Cr T Arandale declared a Pecuniary Conflict of Interest regarding Item 7.15 “Classification of Land as Operational”, as the land that is proposed to be reclassified is a potential purchase by the family business.

Cr Arandale intends to vacate the meeting, not participate in the debate and not vote on this item.

6 MAYORAL MINUTE

There was no Mayoral Minute.

7 REPORTS TO COUNCIL

7.1 RESOLUTION TRACKING REPORT

REPORT FROM: General Manager’s Office

Moved Cr C Sparks Seconded Cr M Elphick

2.02/25 RESOLUTION

That Council notes the information contained in this report.

A division was called for, voting on which was as follows:

For	Against
Cr M Davis	Nil
Cr C Sparks	
Cr T Alt	
Cr T Arandale	
Cr M Elphick	
Cr A Parsons	
Cr D Scott	

The division was declared carried by 7 votes to 0.

CARRIED

Moved Cr T Arandale Seconded Cr A Parsons

3.02/25 RESOLUTION

That Item 7.3 “ALGA National General Assembly 2025” be brought forward for discussion and consideration prior to Item 7.2.

A division was called for, voting on which was as follows:

For	Against
Cr M Davis	Cr C Sparks
Cr T Alt	
Cr T Arandale	
Cr M Elphick	
Cr A Parsons	
Cr D Scott	

The division was declared CARRIED by 6 votes to 1.

CARRIED

7.3 ALGA NATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2025

REPORT FROM: General Manager's Office

Moved Cr T Alt Seconded Cr M Elphick

THAT Council:

1. Authorises for the Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, Cr and the General Manager to attend the National General Assembly of Local Government, which is being held in Canberra from Tuesday, 24 June 2025 until Friday, 27 June 2025.
2. Considers whether it would like to submit any motions to the 2025 National General Assembly in accordance with the requirements listed in the 2025 National General Assembly Discussion Paper.

Amendment Moved Cr T Arandale Seconded Cr A Parsons

THAT Council:

1. Authorises for the Mayor and the General Manager to attend the National General Assembly of Local Government, which is being held in Canberra from Tuesday, 24 June 2025 until Friday, 27 June 2025.
2. Considers whether it would like to submit any motions to the 2025 National General Assembly in accordance with the requirements listed in the 2025 National General Assembly Discussion Paper.

A division was called for, voting on which was as follows:

For	Against
Cr T Arandale	Cr M Davis
Cr A Parsons	Cr C Sparks
Cr D Scott	Cr T Alt
	Cr M Elphick

The Amendment was declared LOST by 4 votes to 3.

Amendment Moved Cr M Elphick Seconded Cr A Parsons

THAT Council:

1. Authorises for the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, and the General Manager to attend the National General Assembly of Local Government, which is being held in Canberra from Tuesday, 24 June 2025 until Friday, 27 June 2025.
2. Considers whether it would like to submit any motions to the 2025 National General Assembly in accordance with the requirements listed in the 2025 National General Assembly Discussion Paper.

A division was called for, voting on which was as follows:

For	Against
Cr M Davis	Nil
Cr C Sparks	
Cr T Alt	
Cr T Arandale	
Cr M Elphick	
Cr A Parsons	
Cr D Scott	

The Amendment was declared CARRIED by 7 votes to 0.

The Amendment became the Motion.

Moved Cr M Elphick Seconded Cr A Parsons

4.02/25 RESOLUTION

THAT Council:

1. Authorises for the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, and the General Manager to attend the National General Assembly of Local Government, which is being held in Canberra from Tuesday, 24 June 2025 until Friday, 27 June 2025.
2. Considers whether it would like to submit any motions to the 2025 National General Assembly in accordance with the requirements listed in the 2025 National General Assembly Discussion Paper.

A division was called for, voting on which was as follows:

For	Against
Cr M Davis	Nil
Cr C Sparks	
Cr T Alt	
Cr T Arandale	
Cr M Elphick	
Cr A Parsons	
Cr D Scott	

The division was declared carried by 7 votes to 0.

CARRIED

7.2 CHANGE OF DATE FOR MARCH AND JUNE 2025 ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETINGS

REPORT FROM: General Manager's Office

Moved Cr A Parsons Seconded Cr M Elphick

5.02/25 RESOLUTION

THAT Council:

1. Reschedules the March 2025 Ordinary Council Meeting to Wednesday, 19 March 2025, to accommodate attendance at the Country Mayors Association and Coalition of Renewable Energy Mayors meetings, and the need to present the Financial Statements to Council within the necessary timelines.
2. Reschedules the June 2025 Ordinary Council Meeting to Thursday, 19 June 2025, to avoid a scheduling conflict with the National General Assembly of Local Government.

A division was called for, voting on which was as follows:

For

Cr M Davis
Cr C Sparks
Cr T Alt
Cr T Arandale
Cr M Elphick
Cr A Parsons
Cr D Scott

Against

Nil

The division was declared carried by 7 votes to 0.

CARRIED

7.4 DRAFT SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY

REPORT FROM: General Manager's Office

Moved Cr T Alt Seconded Cr A Parsons

6.02/25 RESOLUTION

That Council adopts the revised Social Media Policy.

A division was called for, voting on which was as follows:

For	Against
Cr M Davis	Nil
Cr C Sparks	
Cr T Alt	
Cr T Arandale	
Cr M Elphick	
Cr A Parsons	
Cr D Scott	

The division was declared carried by 7 votes to 0.

CARRIED

7.5 DRAFT MEDIA AND COMMUNICATIONS POLICY

REPORT FROM: General Manager's Office

Moved Cr A Parsons Seconded Cr M Elphick

7.02/25 RESOLUTION

THAT Council:

- 1. Adopts the Media and Communications Policy.**
- 2. Rescinds the Communication Policy as a policy of Council.**

A division was called for, voting on which was as follows:

For	Against
Cr M Davis	Nil
Cr C Sparks	
Cr T Alt	
Cr T Arandale	
Cr M Elphick	
Cr A Parsons	
Cr D Scott	

The division was declared carried by 7 votes to 0.

CARRIED

7.6 PRIMARY DISCLOSURES BY COUNCILLORS AND DESIGNATED PERSONS

REPORT FROM: Corporate and Community Services

Moved Cr T Alt

Seconded Cr C Sparks

8.02/25 RESOLUTION

That Council notes the tabled Disclosure of Interests Returns by Councillors and Designated Persons as follows in accordance with Section 440AAB of the *Local Government Act 1993*:

- Mayor – Councillor Margot Davis
- Councillor Max Elphick
- Councillor David Scott
- Director of Corporate and Community Services
- Director of Place and Growth
- Ranger

A division was called for, voting on which was as follows:

For

Cr M Davis
Cr C Sparks
Cr T Alt
Cr T Arandale
Cr M Elphick
Cr A Parsons
Cr D Scott

Against

Nil

The division was declared carried by 7 votes to 0.

CARRIED

7.7 REVIEW OF COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY

REPORT FROM: Corporate and Community Services

Moved Cr A Parsons

Seconded Cr D Scott

9.02/25 RESOLUTION

THAT Council:

1. Approves for the revised draft Community Engagement Strategy to be placed on public exhibition for 28 days from Monday, 24 February 2025 until Friday, 21 March 2025.

2. Displays the revised draft Community Engagement Strategy on Council’s website, and that it be made available for viewing at the following locations:
 - Council’s Town Hall Office; and
 - The Village Post Offices at Deepwater and Emmaville.
3. Requests a further report to Council after the exhibition period in the event of Council receiving any substantial submissions regarding the draft Community Engagement Strategy; otherwise, that the draft Community Engagement Strategy be adopted by Council.

A division was called for, voting on which was as follows:

For	Against
Cr M Davis	Nil
Cr C Sparks	
Cr T Alt	
Cr T Arandale	
Cr M Elphick	
Cr A Parsons	
Cr D Scott	

The division was declared carried by 7 votes to 0.

CARRIED

7.8 AUDIT, RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE QUARTERLY UPDATE REPORT FROM: Corporate and Community Services

Moved Cr A Parsons Seconded Cr M Elphick

10.02/25 RESOLUTION

That Council notes the information contained in this report.

A division was called for, voting on which was as follows:

For	Against
Cr M Davis	Nil
Cr C Sparks	
Cr T Alt	
Cr T Arandale	
Cr M Elphick	
Cr A Parsons	
Cr D Scott	

The division was declared carried by 7 votes to 0.

CARRIED

7.9 QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW - DECEMBER 2024

REPORT FROM: Corporate and Community Services

Moved Cr C Sparks Seconded Cr M Elphick

11.02/25 RESOLUTION

That Council notes and adopts the December 2024 Quarterly Budget Review.

A division was called for, voting on which was as follows:

For	Against
Cr M Davis	Nil
Cr C Sparks	
Cr T Alt	
Cr T Arandale	
Cr M Elphick	
Cr A Parsons	
Cr D Scott	

The division was declared carried by 7 votes to 0.

CARRIED

7.10 CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAM PROGRESS REPORT AS AT 31 JANUARY 2025

REPORT FROM: Corporate and Community Services

Moved Cr T Alt Seconded Cr C Sparks

12.02/25 RESOLUTION

That Council notes the information contained in this report.

A division was called for, voting on which was as follows:

For	Against
Cr M Davis	Nil
Cr C Sparks	
Cr T Alt	
Cr T Arandale	
Cr M Elphick	
Cr A Parsons	
Cr D Scott	

The division was declared carried by 7 votes to 0.

CARRIED

7.11 INVESTMENTS REPORT - JANUARY 2025

REPORT FROM: Corporate and Community Services

Moved Cr A Parsons Seconded Cr M Elphick

13.02/25 RESOLUTION

That Council notes the Investment Report as of 31 January 2025, including the certification by the Responsible Accounting Officer.

A division was called for, voting on which was as follows:

For	Against
Cr M Davis	Nil
Cr C Sparks	
Cr T Alt	
Cr T Arandale	
Cr M Elphick	
Cr A Parsons	
Cr D Scott	

The division was declared carried by 7 votes to 0.

CARRIED

7.12 QUARTERLY BORROWINGS REPORT AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

REPORT FROM: Corporate and Community Services

Moved Cr M Elphick Seconded Cr A Parsons

14.02/25 RESOLUTION

That Council notes the information contained in this report.

A division was called for, voting on which was as follows:

For	Against
Cr M Davis	Nil
Cr C Sparks	
Cr T Alt	
Cr T Arandale	
Cr M Elphick	
Cr A Parsons	
Cr D Scott	

The division was declared carried by 7 votes to 0.

CARRIED

7.13 POLICY REVIEW - POLICIES FOR RESCINDMENT
REPORT FROM: Corporate and Community Services

Moved Cr T Alt Seconded Cr M Elphick

15.02/25 RESOLUTION

THAT Council rescinds the following policies as policies of Council:

1. Asbestos Management (Council Operations and Facilities) Policy.
2. Contractor Work Health and Safety Management Policy.
3. Fatigue Management Policy.
4. First Aid Policy.
5. Vaccination Policy.
6. Workplace Injury Management and Recover at Work Policy.

A division was called for, voting on which was as follows:

For	Against	Abstained
Cr M Davis Cr C Sparks Cr T Alt Cr T Arandale Cr M Elphick Cr D Scott	Nil	Cr A Parsons

The division was declared carried by 6 votes to 0.

CARRIED

7.14 DEVELOPMENT ASSESSMENT REPORT: OCTOBER 2024 - DECEMBER 2024
REPORT FROM: Place and Growth

Moved Cr A Parsons Seconded Cr T Alt

16.02/25 RESOLUTION

That Council notes the information contained in this report.

A division was called for, voting on which was as follows:

For	Against
Cr M Davis	Nil
Cr C Sparks	
Cr T Alt	
Cr T Arandale	
Cr M Elphick	
Cr A Parsons	
Cr D Scott	

The division was declared carried by 7 votes to 0.

CARRIED

Cr T Arandale declared a Pecuniary Conflict of Interest regarding Item 7.15 “Classification of Land as Operational” as the land that is proposed to be reclassified is a potential purchase by the family business.

Cr Arandale left the meeting at 10.04am.

7.15 CLASSIFICATION OF LAND AS OPERATIONAL

REPORT FROM: Infrastructure Services

Moved Cr A Parsons Seconded Cr D Scott

17.02/25 RESOLUTION

THAT Council:

1. Gives public notice of its intention to classify the land created by the closure of Derry Place in Glen Innes NSW as Operational land in accordance with the provisions of Division 1 of the Local Government Act 1993 and that submissions be received for a period of 35 days closing at 4.00pm on 27 March 2025; and
2. Classifies the land created by the road closure of Derry Place in Glen Innes NSW as Operational land in accordance with the provisions of the *Local Government Act 1993*, if no objecting submissions are received.

A division was called for, voting on which was as follows:

For	Against
Cr M Davis	Nil
Cr C Sparks	
Cr T Alt	
Cr M Elphick	
Cr A Parsons	
Cr D Scott	

The division was declared carried by 6 votes to 0.

CARRIED

Cr T Arandale returned to the meeting at 10.07am.

8 NOTICES OF MOTIONS (INCLUDING RESCISSION MOTIONS) / QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

8.1 NOTICE OF MOTION - SEATA

REPORT FROM: Councillors

Moved Cr D Scott

That Council requests council officers to prepare a report to the Council Ordinary Meeting to be held on Thursday, 24 April 2025 to advise Council of the potential costs, benefits and risks involved in delivering the following:

1. Creation of a Business Plan to:
 - a. Assist SEATA in the commercialisation of their proprietary technology.
 - b. Establish a retail Energy Supply business for the benefit of residents and Council.
2. A public private partnership agreement with SEATA for the use of the Business Plan to raise both awareness, in the community, and capital.
3. A pathway which upon completion of the Business Plan and the receipt of a both a positive Cost Benefit Ratio (CBR) and positive Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) test results and licence, due to be available in July 2025, enables Council:
 - a. To negotiate the purchase of the first commercial unit to be used to treat both local Glen Innes and regional carbonaceous waste.
 - b. To negotiate with SEATA a commercial agreement to establish the manufacture of pyrolysis units in Glen Innes.
 - c. To support SEATA with an agreement to provide industrial land to facilitate the manufacture of units as per point 3b.
4. Advice to Council on possible budget allocation to progress this initiative.

Cr M Elphick foreshadowed the following motion:

THAT Council:

1. Requests a site inspection for the General Manager, Directors and Councillors at the SEATA Pyrolysis Technology Project in March.
2. Requests the Principal of SEATA to address the General Manager, Directors and Councillors at a closed meeting in April outlining his future plans for the project and how he would like, if any, involvement Council could have in the Project.

Moved Cr D Scott

Seconded Cr T Arandale

18.02/25 RESOLUTION

That Council requests council officers to prepare a report to the Council Ordinary Meeting to be held on Thursday, 24 April 2025 to advise Council of the potential costs, benefits and risks involved in delivering the following:

1. Creation of a Business Plan to:
 - a. Assist SEATA in the commercialisation of their proprietary technology.
 - b. Establish a retail Energy Supply business for the benefit of residents and Council.
2. A public private partnership agreement with SEATA for the use of the Business Plan to raise both awareness, in the community, and capital.
3. A pathway which upon completion of the Business Plan and the receipt of a both a positive Cost Benefit Ratio (CBR) and positive Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) test results and licence, due to be available in July 2025, enables Council:
 - a. To negotiate the purchase of the first commercial unit to be used to treat both local Glen Innes and regional carbonaceous waste.
 - b. To negotiate with SEATA a commercial agreement to establish the manufacture of pyrolysis units in Glen Innes.
 - c. To support SEATA with an agreement to provide industrial land to facilitate the manufacture of units as per point 3b.
4. Advice to Council on possible budget allocation to progress this initiative.

A division was called for, voting on which was as follows:

For

Cr M Davis
Cr T Alt
Cr T Arandale
Cr A Parsons
Cr D Scott

Against

Cr C Sparks
Cr M Elphick

The division was declared carried by 5 votes to 2.

CARRIED

9 CORRESPONDENCE, MINUTES, PRESS RELEASES

9.1 CORRESPONDENCE AND PRESS RELEASES

REPORT FROM: Corporate and Community Services

Moved Cr A Parsons Seconded Cr T Alt

19.02/25 RESOLUTION

That Council notes the information contained in this report.

A division was called for, voting on which was as follows:

For	Against
Cr M Davis	Nil
Cr C Sparks	
Cr T Alt	
Cr T Arandale	
Cr M Elphick	
Cr A Parsons	
Cr D Scott	

The division was declared carried by 7 votes to 0.

CARRIED

9.2 MINUTES OF COUNCIL COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR INFORMATION

REPORT FROM: Corporate and Community Services

Moved Cr A Parsons Seconded Cr M Elphick

20.02/25 RESOLUTION

That Council notes the information contained in this report.

A division was called for, voting on which was as follows:

For	Against
Cr M Davis	Nil
Cr C Sparks	
Cr T Alt	
Cr T Arandale	
Cr M Elphick	
Cr A Parsons	
Cr D Scott	

The division was declared carried by 7 votes to 0.

CARRIED

9.3 MINUTES OF NON-COUNCIL COMMUNITY COMMITTEES FOR INFORMATION

REPORT FROM: Corporate and Community Services

Moved Cr A Parsons Seconded Cr M Elphick

21.02/25 RESOLUTION

That Council notes the information contained in this report.

A division was called for, voting on which was as follows:

For	Against
Cr M Davis	Nil
Cr C Sparks	
Cr T Alt	
Cr T Arandale	
Cr M Elphick	
Cr A Parsons	
Cr D Scott	

The division was declared carried by 7 votes to 0.

CARRIED

9.4 MINUTES OF OTHER ORGANISATIONS FOR INFORMATION

REPORT FROM: Corporate and Community Services

Moved Cr A Parsons Seconded Cr M Elphick

22.02/25 RESOLUTION

That Council notes the information contained in this report.

A division was called for, voting on which was as follows:

For	Against
Cr M Davis	Nil
Cr C Sparks	
Cr T Alt	
Cr T Arandale	
Cr M Elphick	
Cr A Parsons	
Cr D Scott	

The division was declared carried by 7 votes to 0.

CARRIED

10 REPORTS FROM DELEGATES

10.1 REPORTS FROM DELEGATES

REPORT FROM: General Manager’s Office

Moved Cr A Parsons Seconded Cr T Alt

23.02/25 RESOLUTION

That Council notes the information contained in this report.

A division was called for, voting on which was as follows:

For Cr M Davis Cr C Sparks Cr T Alt Cr T Arandale Cr M Elphick Cr A Parsons Cr D Scott	Against Nil
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The division was declared carried by 7 votes to 0.

CARRIED

11 MATTERS OF AN URGENT NATURE

There were no matters of an urgent nature.

12 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

Moved Cr T Alt Seconded Cr A Parsons

24.02/25 RESOLUTION

That Council considers the confidential report(s) listed below in a meeting closed to the public in accordance with Section 10A(2) of the *Local Government Act 1993*:

Item	Report	Reason
12.1	IT System Improvement and Stabilisation Program - Business Systems Roadmap	(c) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.

		(d) (i) commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.
12.2	Development Assessment Report - DA 34/24-25	(g) advice concerning litigation, or advice that would otherwise be privileged from production in legal proceedings on the ground of legal professional privilege.
12.3	Development Assessment Report - DA 35/24-25	(g) advice concerning litigation, or advice that would otherwise be privileged from production in legal proceedings on the ground of legal professional privilege.
12.4	Licence and Operation of Crofters Cottage Cafe - Centennial Parklands, Glen Innes	(c) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.
12.5	Discharge of Mortgage for Lot in Deepwater Industrial Estate	(a) personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than councillors).
12.6	Expression of Interest Return for 146 and 148 Church Street, Glen Innes	(d) (i) commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.
12.7	General Manager Performance Review for 2024	(a) personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than councillors).

A division was called for, voting on which was as follows:

For

Cr M Davis
 Cr C Sparks
 Cr T Alt
 Cr T Arandale
 Cr M Elphick
 Cr A Parsons
 Cr D Scott

Against

Nil

The division was declared carried by 7 votes to 0.

CARRIED

The live streaming of the Meeting was paused at 10.32am.

All members of the public left the room at 10.32am.

12.1 IT SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT AND STABILISATION PROGRAM - BUSINESS SYSTEMS ROADMAP

REPORT FROM: Corporate and Community Services

Moved Cr A Parsons

Seconded Cr M Elphick

25.02/25 RESOLUTION

THAT Council:

1. Endorses the updated IT Systems Improvement and Stabilisation Program - Business Systems Improvement Road Map,
2. Delegates the General Manager authorisation to finalise the selection and enter into any and all agreements with Councils preferred vendor/s as outlined in the body of the report, and
3. Authorises the procurement to be undertaken without public tender in accordance with section 55 (3)(i) of the *NSW Local Government Act 1993* due to the extenuating circumstances of the urgency required for the works and the limited availability of suppliers.

A division was called for, voting on which was as follows:

For

Cr M Davis
Cr C Sparks
Cr T Alt
Cr T Arandale
Cr M Elphick
Cr A Parsons
Cr D Scott

Against

Nil

The division was declared carried by 7 votes to 0.

CARRIED

The Director of Place and Growth, Riarna Sheridan, declared a Conflict of Interest regarding Item 7.2 “Development Assessment Report – DA 34/24-25” and 7.3 “Development Assessment Report – DA 35/24-25” as she was previously engaged by the applicant.

The Director left the meeting at 10.50am.

12.2 DEVELOPMENT ASSESSMENT REPORT - DA 34/24-25

REPORT FROM: Place and Growth

Moved Cr T Alt

Seconded Cr M Elphick

26.02/25 RESOLUTION

That Council approves Development Application 34/24-25 for a community facility in accordance with the conditions of consent attached report prepared by Council's Consulting Town Planner.

A division was called for, voting on which was as follows:

For	Against
Cr M Davis	Nil
Cr C Sparks	
Cr T Alt	
Cr T Arandale	
Cr M Elphick	
Cr A Parsons	
Cr D Scott	

The division was declared carried by 7 votes to 0.

CARRIED

12.3 DEVELOPMENT ASSESSMENT REPORT - DA 35/24-25

REPORT FROM: Place and Growth

Moved Cr T Alt

Seconded Cr D Scott

27.02/25 RESOLUTION

That Council approves Development Application 35/24-25 for a multi-dwelling housing development in accordance with the conditions of consent attached report prepared by Council's Consulting Town Planner.

A division was called for, voting on which was as follows:

For	Against
Cr M Davis	Nil
Cr C Sparks	
Cr T Alt	
Cr T Arandale	
Cr M Elphick	
Cr A Parsons	
Cr D Scott	

The division was declared carried by 7 votes to 0.

CARRIED

The Director of Place and Growth returned to the meeting at 10.52am.

12.4 LICENCE AND OPERATION OF CROFTERS COTTAGE CAFE - CENTENNIAL PARKLANDS, GLEN INNES

REPORT FROM: Infrastructure Services

Moved Cr M Elphick Seconded Cr T Alt

28.02/25 RESOLUTION

That Council approves a 12-month Licence between Glen Innes Severn Council as Trustee of Centennial Parklands Reserve R46112 and Melissa Bush of “Floatin’ Around” for the operation of Crofters Cottage Café at Centennial Parklands.

A division was called for, voting on which was as follows:

For	Against
Cr M Davis	Nil
Cr C Sparks	
Cr T Alt	
Cr T Arandale	
Cr M Elphick	
Cr A Parsons	
Cr D Scott	

The division was declared carried by 7 votes to 0.

CARRIED

12.5 DISCHARGE OF MORTGAGE FOR LOT IN DEEPWATER INDUSTRIAL ESTATE

REPORT FROM: Infrastructure Services

Moved Cr A Parsons Seconded Cr D Scott

29.02/25 RESOLUTION

That Council authorises the General Manager to execute all documents related to the discharge of mortgage between Council and S E Hawkins.

A division was called for, voting on which was as follows:

For	Against
Cr M Davis	Nil
Cr C Sparks	
Cr T Alt	
Cr T Arandale	
Cr M Elphick	
Cr A Parsons	
Cr D Scott	

The division was declared carried by 7 votes to 0.

CARRIED

12.6 EXPRESSION OF INTEREST RETURN FOR 146 AND 148 CHURCH STREET, GLEN INNES

REPORT FROM: Infrastructure Services

Moved Cr A Parsons Seconded Cr T Alt

30.02/25 RESOLUTION

That Council:

1. Notes the offer from New England CT Pty Ltd.
2. Authorises the General Manager to enter into further discussions with New England CT Pty Ltd on their offer.
3. Acknowledges the importance of the service to the community and works towards ensuring that this service is established in the community.
4. Requests that a report be brought back to the March Council Meeting

A division was called for, voting on which was as follows:

For	Against
Cr M Davis	Cr M Elphick
Cr C Sparks	
Cr T Alt	
Cr T Arandale	
Cr A Parsons	
Cr D Scott	

The division was declared CARRIED by 6 votes to 1.

CARRIED

All remaining staff, with the exception of the General Manager, left the meeting at 11.09am.

12.7 GENERAL MANAGER PERFORMANCE REVIEW FOR 2024

REPORT FROM: General Manager's Office

Moved Cr M Elphick

Seconded Cr A Parsons

31.02/25 RESOLUTION

1. That Council notes the report and endorses the findings and recommendations of the General Manager's Performance Review Panel regarding the General Manager's performance for the period ending 16 January 2025.
2. That Council endorses the Panel's recommendations for the General Manager's priorities in the 2025 review period.
3. That in recognition of the General Manager's performance a 3.5% increase in the General Manager's Remuneration Package be applied from his anniversary date to align with the increase awarded to all other staff under the Local Government State Award.

A division was called for, voting on which was as follows:

For

Cr M Davis
Cr C Sparks
Cr T Alt
Cr T Arandale
Cr M Elphick
Cr A Parsons
Cr D Scott

Against

Nil

The division was declared carried by 7 votes to 0.

CARRIED

Moved Cr A Parsons Seconded Cr T Alt

32.02/25 RESOLUTION

That Council moves out of Closed Council into Open Council.

A division was called for, voting on which was as follows:

For	Against
Cr M Davis	Nil
Cr C Sparks	
Cr T Alt	
Cr T Arandale	
Cr M Elphick	
Cr A Parsons	
Cr D Scott	

The division was declared carried by 7 votes to 0.

CARRIED

The live streaming of the meeting resumed at 11.28am.

The General Manager read out the Confidential Closed Resolutions relating to Items 12.1 to 12.7 as listed above.

Moved Cr A Parsons Seconded Cr M Elphick

33.02/25 RESOLUTION

That the confidential Closed Council Resolutions be recommended for adoption to the Ordinary Meeting of the Whole of Council.

A division was called for, voting on which was as follows:

For	Against
Cr M Davis	Nil
Cr C Sparks	
Cr T Alt	
Cr T Arandale	
Cr M Elphick	
Cr A Parsons	
Cr D Scott	

The division was declared carried by 7 votes to 0.

CARRIED

The Meeting closed at 11.33am.