

Glen Innes Severn Ordinary Council Meeting

15 AUGUST 2024

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, 15 August 2024 at 9:00 AM

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COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

No community members addressed Council.

PRESENT: Cr Rob Banham (Mayor), Cr Troy Arandale (Deputy Mayor), Cr Tim Alt, Cr Jack Parry, Cr Andrew Parsons and Cr Carol Sparks.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr Bernard Smith (General Manager), Mr Keith Appleby (Director of Infrastructure Services), Mrs Gayleen Burley (Director of Place and Growth), Ms Fiona Plesman (Director of Corporate and Community Services), Mr Shageer Mohammed (Chief Financial Officer), Mr Gary Mottau (Audit Consultant) 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.

To those present in the gallery today, by attending a public meeting of the Council you are consenting to your image, voice and comments being recorded and published.

Anyone who is invited to speak during the meeting will be recorded and their voice, image and comments will form part of the live stream and recording.

All speakers are requested to ensure their comments are relevant to the issue at hand and to refrain from making personal comments or criticisms.

The Chair and/or the General Manager have the discretion and authority at any time to direct the termination or interruption of live streaming. Such direction will only be given in exceptional circumstances where deemed relevant. Circumstances may include instances where the content of debate is considered misleading, defamatory or potentially inappropriate to be published.

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 - 25 JULY 2024 TO BE CONFIRMED

Moved Cr T Alt

Seconded Cr J Parry

1.08/24 RESOLUTION

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 25 July 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 R Banham
Cr T Arandale
Cr T Alt
Cr J Parry
Cr A Parsons
Cr C Sparks

Nil

The division was declared carried by 6 votes to 0.

CARRIED

5 DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

There were no disclosures of Conflict of Interests / Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests.

6 MAYORAL MINUTE

There was no Mayoral Minute.

7 REPORTS TO COUNCIL

7.1 REQUEST TO ATTEND COUNCIL MEETING BY AUDIO-VISUAL LINK - CR C SPARKS

REPORT FROM: General Manager’s Office

Moved Cr T Alt	Seconded Cr T Arandale
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2.08/24 RESOLUTION

That Council approves for Councillor Carol Sparks to attend the 15 August 2024 Ordinary Council Meeting by audio-visual link on the grounds that she will be on a holiday that was scheduled prior to the change of meeting date and is unable to attend the meeting in person.

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

For	Against
Cr R Banham	Nil
Cr T Arandale	
Cr T Alt	
Cr J Parry	
Cr A Parsons	
Cr C Sparks	

The division was declared carried by 6 votes to 0.

CARRIED

7.2 RESOLUTION TRACKING REPORT

REPORT FROM: General Manager’s Office

Moved Cr A Parsons	Seconded Cr J Parry
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3.08/24 RESOLUTION

That Council notes the information contained in this report.

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

For	Against
Cr R Banham	Nil
Cr T Arandale	
Cr T Alt	
Cr J Parry	
Cr A Parsons	
Cr C Sparks	

The division was declared carried by 6 votes to 0.

CARRIED

7.3 PRESENTATION OF AUDITOR'S REPORTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

REPORT FROM: Corporate and Community Services

Moved Cr T Arandale Seconded Cr J Parry

4.08/24 RESOLUTION

THAT Council:

1. Receives and notes the changes to the Statement of Councillors and Management, operating result and financial position as reported in the revised Year End 2022/23 Financial Statements.
2. In accordance with Section 413 (2) (c) of the *Local Government Act 1993*:
 - a. Resolves that, in its opinion, the General Purpose Financial Statements and the Special Purpose Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2023 are properly drawn up in accordance with the provisions of the *Local Government Act 1993* and the Regulations.
 - b. Authorises for the Financial Statements for the year ending 30 June 2023 to be certified and signed by the Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, the General Manager and the Responsible Accounting Officer on behalf of Council.
3. Refers the Financial Statements to Council's Auditor for audit.
4. Delegates authority to the General Manager to forward the Audited Financial Statements to the Office of Local Government.
5. Delegates Authority to the General Manager to place the Audited Financial Statements on public exhibition and give notice that Council will present its Audited Financial Statements at the next Ordinary Council Meeting.

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

For	Against
Cr R Banham	Nil
Cr T Arandale	
Cr T Alt	
Cr J Parry	
Cr A Parsons	
Cr C Sparks	

The division was declared carried by 6 votes to 0.

CARRIED

7.4 DRAFT GENERAL PURPOSE AND SPECIAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR 2023/2024

REPORT FROM: Corporate and Community Services

Moved Cr A Parsons Seconded Cr J Parry

5.08/24 RESOLUTION

THAT Council:

1. Notes the report and attached Draft General Purpose Financial Statements 2023/24.
2. Notes that the Draft Special Purpose Financial Statements 2023/24 as tabled.
3. Notes that Note C1-1 - Cash is overstated and that this is immaterial. Management is taking steps to have the reporting of cash rectified.
4. Endorses the Draft Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2024.

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

For	Against
Cr R Banham Cr T Arandale Cr T Alt Cr J Parry Cr A Parsons Cr C Sparks	Nil

The division was declared carried by 6 votes to 0.

CARRIED

7.5 EXHIBITION OF DRAFT COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION PLAN AND AMENDED GLEN INNES SEVERN DEVELOPMENT CONTROL PLAN 2014

REPORT FROM: Place and Growth

Moved Cr T Arandale Seconded Cr J Parry

6.08/24 RESOLUTION

THAT:

1. Council places on exhibition the revised draft Community Participation Plan and the subsequently amended Glen Innes Severn Development Control Plan 2014, as outlined in the report, for 28 days from Thursday 22 August 2024 until Wednesday 18 September 2024.

2. Council displays the revised draft Community Participation Plan and the amended Glen Innes Severn Development Control Plan 2014 on Council’s website, and makes them available for viewing at the following locations:
 - Council’s Town Hall Office,
 - Council’s Church Street Office, and
 - The Village Post Offices at Deepwater, Emmaville and Glencoe.
3. A further report to Council be prepared after the exhibition period in the event of Council receiving any substantial submissions regarding the revised draft Community Participation Plan and the amended Glen Innes Severn Development Control Plan 2014; otherwise, that the revised draft Community Participation Plan and amended Glen Innes Severn Development Control Plan 2014 be adopted by Council.

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

For	Against
Cr R Banham	Nil
Cr T Arandale	
Cr T Alt	
Cr J Parry	
Cr A Parsons	
Cr C Sparks	

The division was declared carried by 6 votes to 0.

CARRIED

7.6 PUBLIC ART ADVISORY GROUP

REPORT FROM: Place and Growth

Moved Cr T Alt Seconded Cr A Parsons

7.08/24 RESOLUTION

THAT:

1. Council endorses the following groups, and representatives of those groups, to form the Public Art Advisory Group:
 - Arts North West – Lauren Mackley and Mia Roman,
 - Glen Innes Aboriginal Land Council – Adele Chapman Burgess,
 - Glen Innes Business Chamber – Jamie Lee Garner,
 - Open Spaces Committee – Richard Moon and Raelene Watson.
2. Council places on exhibition the revised draft Public Art Policy and draft Public Art Guidelines, for 28 days from Thursday, 22 August 2024 until Wednesday, 18 September 2024.

3. Council displays the draft Public Art Policy and draft Public Art Guidelines on Council's website, and makes them available for viewing at the following locations:
 - Council's Town Hall Office,
 - Council's Church Street Office, and
 - The Village Post Offices of Deepwater, Emmaville and Glencoe.
4. A further report to Council be prepared after the exhibition period in the event of Council receiving any substantial submissions regarding the draft Public Art Policy and draft Public Art Guidelines; otherwise, that the draft Public Art Policy and draft Public Art Guidelines be adopted by Council.

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

For

Against

Cr R Banham
Cr T Arandale
Cr T Alt
Cr J Parry
Cr A Parsons
Cr C Sparks

Nil

The division was declared carried by 6 votes to 0.

CARRIED

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

There were no notices of motions, rescission motions or questions with notice.

9 CORRESPONDENCE, MINUTES, PRESS RELEASES

9.1 CORRESPONDENCE AND PRESS RELEASES

REPORT FROM: Corporate and Community Services

Moved Cr A Parsons

Seconded Cr J Parry

8.08/24 RESOLUTION

That Council notes the information contained in this report.

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

For	Against
Cr R Banham	Nil
Cr T Arandale	
Cr T Alt	
Cr J Parry	
Cr A Parsons	
Cr C Sparks	

The division was declared carried by 6 votes to 0.

CARRIED

9.2 MINUTES OF COUNCIL COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR INFORMATION

REPORT FROM: Corporate and Community Services

Moved Cr J Parry Seconded Cr A Parsons

9.08/24 RESOLUTION

That Council notes the information contained in this report.

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

For	Against
Cr R Banham	Nil
Cr T Arandale	
Cr T Alt	
Cr J Parry	
Cr A Parsons	
Cr C Sparks	

The division was declared carried by 6 votes to 0.

CARRIED

9.3 MINUTES OF NON-COUNCIL COMMUNITY COMMITTEES FOR INFORMATION

REPORT FROM: Corporate and Community Services

Moved Cr J Parry Seconded Cr C Sparks

10.08/24 RESOLUTION

That Council notes the information contained in this report.

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

For	Against
Cr R Banham	Nil
Cr T Arandale	
Cr T Alt	
Cr J Parry	
Cr A Parsons	
Cr C Sparks	

The division was declared carried by 6 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 J Parry

11.08/24 RESOLUTION

That Council notes the information contained in this report.

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

For	Against
Cr R Banham	Nil
Cr T Arandale	
Cr T Alt	
Cr J Parry	
Cr A Parsons	
Cr C Sparks	

The division was declared carried by 6 votes to 0.

CARRIED

Moved Cr T Arandale Seconded Cr T Alt

12.08/24 RESOLUTION

That Council considers as a matter of urgent nature, the late report titled “Expressions of Interest – Council Depot Cool Rooms”.

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

For	Against
Cr R Banham	Nil
Cr T Arandale	
Cr T Alt	
Cr J Parry	
Cr A Parsons	
Cr C Sparks	

The division was declared CARRIED by 6 votes to 0.

CARRIED

11 MATTERS OF AN URGENT NATURE

L.1 EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST - COUNCIL DEPOT COOL ROOMS

REPORT FROM: Infrastructure Services

Moved Cr T Arandale Seconded Cr T Alt

13.08/24 RESOLUTION

That Council authorises the General Manager to enter into an agreement for the use of the Council Depot cool room area with the original interested party in the event that the Expression of Interest process reveals no other interest, noting any agreement is subject to the expected reclassification of the land as Operational land.

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

For	Against
Cr R Banham	Nil
Cr T Arandale	
Cr T Alt	
Cr J Parry	
Cr A Parsons	
Cr C Sparks	

The division was declared carried by 6 votes to 0.

CARRIED

12 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

Moved Cr T Alt

Seconded Cr A Parsons

14.08/24 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	Strategic Land Purchase	(d) (i) commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

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

For

Cr R Banham
 Cr T Arandale
 Cr T Alt
 Cr J Parry
 Cr A Parsons
 Cr C Sparks

Against

Nil

The division was declared CARRIED by 6 votes to 0.

CARRIED

The live streaming of the Meeting was paused at 9.22am.

All members of the public, the Chief Financial Officer and the Audit Consultant left the meeting room at 9.22am.

12.1 STRATEGIC LAND PURCHASE

REPORT FROM: General Manager's Office

Moved Cr T Arandale

Seconded Cr C Sparks

15.08/24 RESOLUTION

THAT Council:

1. Authorises the General Manager to negotiate and enter into an option to purchase the property described in accordance with the negotiation parameters outlined in the report.

2. Considers a report to be brought to a meeting of the newly elected Council for a final decision on the purchase.

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

For	Against
Cr R Banham	Cr A Parsons
Cr T Arandale	
Cr T Alt	
Cr J Parry	
Cr C Sparks	

The division was declared carried by 5 votes to 1.

CARRIED

Moved Cr T Alt

Seconded Cr T Arandale

16.08/24 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 R Banham	Nil
Cr T Arandale	
Cr T Alt	
Cr J Parry	
Cr A Parsons	
Cr C Sparks	

The division was declared carried by 6 votes to 0.

CARRIED

The live streaming of the meeting resumed at 9.35am.

The General Manager read out the Confidential Closed Resolution relating to 12.1 as listed above.

Moved Cr A Parsons

Seconded Cr T Arandale

17.08/24 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 R Banham
Cr T Arandale
Cr T Alt
Cr J Parry
Cr A Parsons
Cr C Sparks

Nil

The division was declared carried by 6 votes to 0.

CARRIED

At the conclusion of the meeting it was noted that it was the final Council meeting of the current term. The Mayor, General Manager, Councillors and Directors spoke to the occasion; there was general acknowledgement of the achievements of the Council and the positive way the Councillors and staff worked together.

The Meeting closed at 9.45am.