

Glen Innes Severn Ordinary Council Meeting
24 APRIL 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, 24 April 2025 at 9:00 AM

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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 Anthony Kamphorst (Acting Director of Infrastructure Services), Mrs Riarna Sheridan (Director of Place and Growth), Mr Lindsay Woodland (Director of Corporate and Community Services), Mr Shageer Mohammed (Chief Financial Officer), Mr Murray Davies (Acting Manager Governance) 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:

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Councillors are reminded that they are bound by the Code of Meeting Practice and the Code of Conduct and should conduct themselves in alignment with these Codes and the rules of Debate.

For Councillors information. We now have a timer allocated for debate which is the Acting Manager of Governance who will provide a 30 second warning prior to the five minute mark.

Councillors are also reminded of their Oath or Affirmation of Office made under Section 233A of the *Local Government Act 1993*."

1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Mayor read the following “Acknowledgement to Country”:

“I acknowledge the traditional owners on the land in which we meet today, the Ngarabul people, and pay my respects to the Elders past, present and emerging with recognition of their continuing connection to the land, waters and community. 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 MARCH 2025 TO BE CONFIRMED

Moved Cr C Sparks

Seconded Cr T Alt

1.04/25 RESOLUTION

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 19 March 2025, copies of which were circulated, be taken as read and confirmed as a correct record of the proceedings of the meeting, subject to the following amendment:

- Point 1 of Resolution 23.03/25 be amended to reflect that the property address is 21 Waller Avenue, Armidale, rather than 1 Waller Avenue, as previously recorded.

The revised Point 1 of the recorded resolution will read:

THAT Council:

"1. Notes that ownership of the property located at 21 Waller Avenue, Armidale (the Property) will be transferred to the constituent Councils following dissolution of the New England County Council by proclamation made by the Minister for Local Government pursuant to section 383(2) of the Local Government Act 1993 (NSW)."

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

Nil

The division was declared carried by 7 votes to 0.

CARRIED

5 DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

Cr C Sparks declared a Significant Non-Pecuniary Conflict of Interest regarding Item number 7.8 Glen Innes Community and District Centre – In Kind Support, as she has a conflict of roles as she is a member of the Glen Innes & District Community Centre Committee.

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

The Director of Place and Growth, Mrs Riarna Sheridan, declared a Significant Non-Pecuniary Conflict of Interest regarding Item number 7.14 Development Assessment Report – DA 43/24-25 – 76 Blacks Road, Glen Innes, as her former private town planning company was engaged and remunerated to prepare and lodge this development application with Council prior to her commencement as Director of Place and Growth.

The Director intends to vacate the meeting during the debate and voting on this item.

The Director of Place and Growth, Mrs Riarna Sheridan, declared a Significant Non-Pecuniary Conflict of Interest regarding Item number 7.15 Development Assessment Report – DA 50/24-25 – 450 Emmaville Road, Glen Innes, as her former private town planning company was engaged and remunerated to prepare and lodge this development application with Council prior to her commencement as Director of Place and Growth.

The Director intends to vacate the meeting during the debate and voting 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

2.04/25 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

The division was declared carried by 7 votes to 0.

CARRIED

7.2 ENDORSEMENT OF THE DRAFT COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN 2025-2035 AND DRAFT DELIVERY PROGRAM 2025-2029 FOR PUBLIC EXHIBITION

REPORT FROM: Corporate and Community Services

Moved Cr M Davis Seconded Cr M Elphick

3.04/25 RESOLUTION

THAT Council:

1. Approves the Draft 2025-2035 Community Strategic Plan and Draft 2025-2029 Delivery Program to be placed on public exhibition for 6 weeks, inviting submissions from 28 April 2025 until 6 June 2025.
2. Implements Council's Community Engagement Plan – Shaping Tomorrow, in line with Council's Community Engagement Strategy and Displays the Draft 2025-2035 Community Strategic Plan and Draft 2025-2029 Delivery Plan on Council's website, and that it be made available for viewing at the following locations:
 - Council's Town Hall Office,
 - The Glen Innes Severn Public and TAFE Library, and
 - The Village Post Offices at Deepwater and Emmaville.

3. Requests the General Manager (or his delegate) to prepare a further report to Council after the exhibition period in the event of Council receiving any submissions regarding the Draft 2025-2035 Community Strategic Plan; otherwise, that the Draft 2025-2035 Community Strategic Plan and Draft 2025-2029 Delivery Program be adopted by Council.

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

For

Cr M Davis
Cr C Sparks
Cr T Alt
Cr M Elphick

Against

Cr T Arandale
Cr A Parsons
Cr D Scott

The division was declared carried by 4 votes to 3.

CARRIED

7.3 ENDORSEMENT OF THE DRAFT 2025-2026 OPERATIONAL PLAN AND 2025-2026 BUDGET FOR PUBLIC EXHIBITION

REPORT FROM: Corporate and Community Services

Moved Cr M Elphick Seconded Cr C Sparks

THAT Council endorse for public exhibition from 28 April 2025 until 6 June 2025, in line with the Shaping Tomorrow Community Engagement Program, the following Draft 2025-2026 Operational Plan documents:

1. The Draft Operational Plan 2025-2026 (Parts 1 and 2).
2. The Draft 2025-2026 Financial Year Operating Budget (Part 3).
3. The Draft Rating and Revenue Policy Statement for the 2025-2026 Financial Year (Part 3).
4. The Draft Schedule of Fees and Charges for the 2024-2025 Financial Year (Part 3).

Amendment Moved Cr M Davis Seconded Cr C Sparks

THAT Council endorse for public exhibition from 28 April 2025 until 6 June 2025, in line with the Shaping Tomorrow Community Engagement Program, the following Draft 2025-2026 Operational Plan documents:

1. The Draft Operational Plan 2025-2026 (Parts 1 and 2).
2. The Draft 2025-2026 Financial Year Operating Budget (Part 3).
3. The Draft Rating and Revenue Policy Statement for the 2025-2026 Financial Year (Part 3).
4. The Draft Schedule of Fees and Charges for the 2024-2025 Financial Year (Part 3).

5. Requests the General Manager to conduct a Councillor Workshop in June 2025 for Councillors to review public submissions and provide detailed feedback for the inclusion in the final draft of the 2025-2026 Operational Plan and Budget.

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.

The Amendment became the Motion.

Moved Cr M Davis Seconded Cr C Sparks

4.04/25 RESOLUTION

THAT Council endorse for public exhibition from 28 April 2025 until 6 June 2025, in line with the Shaping Tomorrow Community Engagement Program, the following Draft 2025-2026 Operational Plan documents:

1. The Draft Operational Plan 2025-2026 (Parts 1 and 2).
2. The Draft 2025-2026 Financial Year Operating Budget (Part 3).
3. The Draft Rating and Revenue Policy Statement for the 2025-2026 Financial Year (Part 3).
4. The Draft Schedule of Fees and Charges for the 2024-2025 Financial Year (Part 3).
5. Requests the General Manager to conduct a Councillor Workshop in June 2025 for Councillors to review public submissions and provide detailed feedback for the inclusion in the final draft of the 2025-2026 Operational Plan and Budget.

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

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

The division was declared carried by 4 votes to 3.

CARRIED

Cr Alt left the meeting at 09.42 am.

Cr Alt returned to the meeting at 09.43 am.

7.4 ENDORSEMENT OF THE REVISED 2025 TO 2035 LONG TERM FINANCIAL PLAN TO BE PLACED ON PUBLIC EXHIBITION

REPORT FROM: Corporate and Community Services

Moved Cr T Arandale Seconded Cr M Elphick

THAT Council:

1. Approves the Revised Long Term Financial Plan 2025-2035 to be placed on public exhibition, inviting submissions from 28 April 2025 until 6 June 2025.
2. Displays the Revised Long Term Financial Plan 2025-2035 on Council's website, and that it be made available for viewing at the following locations:
 - Council's Town Hall Office,
 - Glen Innes Severn Public and TAFE Library, and
 - The Village Post Offices at Deepwater and Emmaville.
3. Undertakes a comprehensive Community Engagement Program – Shaping Tomorrow, regarding a proposed application to the NSW Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal for a Special Rate Variation (SRV) to apply in 2026-2027 as outlined in Revised 2025-2035 Long Term Financial Plan.
4. Requests the General Manager (or his delegate) to prepare a further report to Council after the exhibition period in the event of Council receiving any submissions regarding the Revised Long Term Financial Plan 2025-2035.

Amendment Moved Cr T Arandale Seconded Cr D Scott

That Council delays the draft exhibition of the Revised Long Term Financial Plan 2025-2035 and prepares a fifth scenario of a 30% rate rise.

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

For

Cr T Arandale
Cr A Parsons
Cr D Scott

Against

Cr M Davis
Cr C Sparks
Cr T Alt
Cr M Elphick

The division was declared LOST by 4 votes to 3.

Moved Cr T Arandale

Seconded Cr M Elphick

5.04/25 RESOLUTION

THAT Council:

1. Approves the Revised Long Term Financial Plan 2025-2035 to be placed on public exhibition, inviting submissions from 28 April 2025 until 6 June 2025.
2. Displays the Revised Long Term Financial Plan 2025-2035 on Council's website, and that it be made available for viewing at the following locations:
 - Council's Town Hall Office,
 - Glen Innes Severn Public and TAFE Library, and
 - The Village Post Offices at Deepwater and Emmaville.
3. Undertakes a comprehensive Community Engagement Program – Shaping Tomorrow, regarding a proposed application to the NSW Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal for a Special Rate Variation (SRV) to apply in 2026-2027 as outlined in Revised 2025-2035 Long Term Financial Plan.
4. Requests the General Manager (or his delegate) to prepare a further report to Council after the exhibition period in the event of Council receiving any submissions regarding the Revised Long Term Financial Plan 2025-2035.

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

For

Cr M Davis
Cr C Sparks
Cr T Alt
Cr M Elphick

Against

Cr T Arandale
Cr A Parsons
Cr D Scott

The division was declared carried by 4 votes to 3.

CARRIED

7.5 ENDORSEMENT OF THE DRAFT WORKFORCE STRATEGY 2025-2029

REPORT FROM: Corporate and Community Services

Moved Cr A Parsons

Seconded Cr T Alt

That Council endorses the draft revised 2025-2029 Workforce Management Strategy to be included in the Council's Resourcing Strategy.

Amendment Moved Cr M Davis Seconded Cr A Parsons

That Council defers the report to thoroughly review and revise the Workforce Management Strategy 2025-2029 to align it with progressive workforce planning considerations, General Manager Priorities, Delivery Program Strategies, and modern strategic workforce outcomes.

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

For

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

Against

Cr T Arandale

The division was declared CARRIED by 6 votes to 1.

The Amendment became the Motion.

Moved Cr M Davis

Seconded Cr A Parsons

6.04/25 RESOLUTION

That Council defers the report to thoroughly review and revise the Workforce Management Strategy 2025-2029 to align it with progressive workforce planning considerations, General Manager Priorities, Delivery Program Strategies, and modern strategic workforce outcomes.

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

7.6 DISCLOSURES OF POLITICAL DONATIONS AND ELECTORAL EXPENSES

REPORT FROM: Corporate and Community Services

Moved Cr M Elphick

Seconded Cr C Sparks

7.04/25 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
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

7.7 RECREATION AND OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE - AGM MINUTES, COMMITTEE MEMBERS, GENERAL MINUTES

REPORT FROM: Corporate and Community Services

Moved Cr A Parsons

Seconded Cr T Alt

8.04/25 RESOLUTION

THAT Council:

1. Endorses the following 12 community representatives as the newly elected Recreation and Open Spaces Committee for 2025-26:
 - Robert Davidson
 - Jo-Ann Duck
 - Desmond Fitzgerald
 - Lloyd Hornsby
 - Carleen Knight
 - Richard Moon
 - David Newport
 - Preston Parkes
 - Bob Thomas
 - Jenny Thomas
 - Lorida Vickery
 - Raelene Watson

2. Endorses the election of office bearer/s within the newly elected Recreation and Open Spaces Committee as follow:
- Chairperson - Mayor Margot Davis

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 C Sparks declared a Significant Non-Pecuniary Conflict of Interest regarding Item number 7.8 Glen Innes Community and District Centre – In Kind Support, as she has a conflict of roles as she is a member of the Glen Innes & District Community Centre Committee.

Cr Sparks left the meeting at 10:23am and did not participate in the debate or vote on Item 7.8.

7.8 GLEN INNES COMMUNITY AND DISTRICT CENTRE - IN KIND SUPPORT

REPORT FROM: Corporate and Community Services

Moved Cr M Davis Seconded Cr M Elphick

THAT Council:

1. Advocates for Homes North to strengthen their support of Glen Innes and District Community Centre (GIDCC) operations and the client referral process.
2. Authorises Council Officers to provide in-kind support through assistance with developing a 2025/26 Strategy document for the GIDCC.
3. Authorises Council Officers to provide in-kind administrative support for the preparation of external grant applications for the GIDCC to improve the Centre's financial position.

Amendment Moved Cr M Davis Seconded Cr M Elphick

THAT Council:

1. Advocates for Homes North to strengthen their support of Glen Innes and District Community Centre (GIDCC) operations and the client referral process.
2. Authorises Council Officers to provide in-kind support through assistance with developing a 2025/26 Strategy document for the GIDCC.
3. Authorises Council Officers to provide in-kind administrative support for the preparation of external grant applications for the GIDCC to improve the Centre's financial position.
4. Requests the General Manager to investigate and determine the availability of up to \$20,000 within the current financial year budget, for the purpose of providing a one-off subsidy to support the debt repayment and running costs of the GIDCC; and
5. Notes that this subsidy is intended to assist the Community Centre Committee in maintaining service continuity while they work to improve their financial sustainability.
6. Supports in principle the concept of establishing a Community Service Hub in Glen Innes to improve access to coordinated services for vulnerable and disadvantaged members of the community; and
7. Authorises the General Manager to engage with relevant local service providers, including Homes North, the Glen Innes & District Community Centre, and State and Federal Government agencies, to explore co-location opportunities and collaborative service delivery models; and
8. Requests the General Manager to investigate potential Council-owned or leased facilities suitable for such a co-location, including operational, financial, and community benefits and constraints; and
9. Advocates to relevant government departments and funding bodies for support to progress a Community Service Hub in Glen Innes, including identification of grant opportunities and partnership models; and
10. Receives a report outlining options, preliminary findings, and next steps for consideration at the August 2025 Ordinary Council Meeting.

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

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

NB. Section 11.5 of the Code of Meeting Practice states: "A councillor who is present at a meeting of the council but **who fails to vote on a motion put to the meeting is taken to have voted against the motion.**"

The division was declared EQUAL.

The Mayor, in accordance with the provisions of Section 370(2) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, used her casting vote to vote for the Amendment.

The Amendment became the Motion.

Amendment Moved Cr T Arandale Seconded Cr A Parsons

That the 10 options listed in the Motion be considered by Council and brought back to a Council meeting to give a full explanation of the situation.

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

For

Cr T Arandale
Cr A Parsons
Cr D Scott

Against

Cr M Davis
Cr T Alt
Cr M Elphick

The division was declared EQUAL.

The Mayor, in accordance with the provisions of Section 370(2) of the Local Government Act 1993, used her casting vote to vote against the Amendment.

The division was declared LOST.

Moved Cr M Davis

Seconded Cr M Elphick

9.04/25 RESOLUTION

THAT Council:

1. Advocates for Homes North to strengthen their support of Glen Innes and District Community Centre (GIDCC) operations and the client referral process.
2. Authorises Council Officers to provide in-kind support through assistance with developing a 2025/26 Strategy document for the GIDCC.
3. Authorises Council Officers to provide in-kind administrative support for the preparation of external grant applications for the GIDCC to improve the Centre's financial position.
4. Requests the General Manager to investigate and determine the availability of up to \$20,000 within the current financial year budget, for the purpose of providing a one-off subsidy to support the debt repayment and running costs of the GIDCC; and
5. Notes that this subsidy is intended to assist the Community Centre Committee in maintaining service continuity while they work to improve their financial sustainability.
6. Supports in principle the concept of establishing a Community Service Hub in Glen Innes to improve access to coordinated services for vulnerable and disadvantaged members of the community; and
7. Authorises the General Manager to engage with relevant local service providers, including Homes North, the Glen Innes & District Community Centre, and State and Federal Government agencies, to explore co-location opportunities and collaborative service delivery models; and

8. Requests the General Manager to investigate potential Council-owned or leased facilities suitable for such a co-location, including operational, financial, and community benefits and constraints; and
9. Advocates to relevant government departments and funding bodies for support to progress a Community Service Hub in Glen Innes, including identification of grant opportunities and partnership models; and
10. Receives a report outlining options, preliminary findings, and next steps for consideration at the August 2025 Ordinary Council Meeting.

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

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

NB. Section 11.5 of the Code of Meeting Practice states: “A councillor who is present at a meeting of the council but **who fails to vote on a motion put to the meeting is taken to have voted against the motion.**”

The division was declared EQUAL.

The Mayor, in accordance with the provisions of Section 370(2) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, used her casting vote to vote for the Motion.

CARRIED

Cr Sparks returned to the meeting at 10.48 am.
Cr Alt left the meeting at 10.48am.

Moved Cr T Arandale Seconded Cr D Scott

That Council bring forward Item number 8.2 Notice of Motion – Overdraft Facility, for discussion and consideration.

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 M Elphick

The division was declared EQUAL.

The Mayor, in accordance with the provisions of Section 370(2) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, used her casting vote to vote against the Amendment.

The division was declared LOST.

Cr Alt returned to the meeting at 10.49am.

7.9 OVERDRAFT FACILITY

REPORT FROM: Corporate and Community Services

Moved Cr M Elphick Seconded Cr C Sparks

That Council resolves to endorse Council Officers actions to establish an overdraft facility of up to \$5M with the National Australia Bank under the terms outlined in this report.

Amendment Moved Cr Scott Seconded Cr Arandale

That Council refers the matter of the unauthorised establishment of the overdraft facility to the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee and the Office of Local Government for review, and requests the General Manager to report back on any breach of delegations or governance process, including recommendation for any further action.

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

For

Cr T Arandale
Cr A Parsons
Cr D Scott

Against

Cr M Davis
Cr C Sparks
Cr T Alt
Cr M Elphick

The division was declared LOST by 4 votes to 3.

Moved Cr M Elphick Seconded Cr C Sparks

10.04/25 RESOLUTION

That Council resolves to endorse Council Officers actions to establish an overdraft facility of up to \$5M with the National Australia Bank under the terms outlined 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 M Elphick

Against

Cr T Arandale
Cr A Parsons
Cr D Scott

The division was declared carried by 4 votes to 3.

CARRIED

Cr Elphick left the meeting at 11.05 am.
Cr Elphick returned to the meeting at 11.06 am.

The Director of Place and Growth left the meeting at 11.07am.
The Director of Place and Growth returned to the meeting at 11.08am.

7.10 INVESTMENTS REPORT - MARCH 2025

REPORT FROM: Corporate and Community Services

Moved Cr T Arandale Seconded Cr A Parsons

11.04/25 RESOLUTION

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

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

7.11 QUARTERLY BORROWINGS REPORT AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

REPORT FROM: Corporate and Community Services

Moved Cr A Parsons Seconded Cr T Alt

12.04/25 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
Cr C Sparks
Cr T Alt
Cr T Arandale
Cr M Elphick
Cr A Parsons
Cr D Scott

Nil

The division was declared carried by 7 votes to 0.

CARRIED

7.12 CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAM PROGRESS REPORT AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

REPORT FROM: Corporate and Community Services

Moved Cr T Alt

Seconded Cr A Parsons

That Council notes the information contained in this report.

Amendment Moved Cr M Davis Seconded Cr T Alt

THAT Council:

1. Notes the information contained in this report.
2. Requests the General Manager to bring a report back to Council pertaining to the improved utilisation of the Glen Innes Airport and the next stages of the Airport Master Plan.

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

Nil

The division was declared CARRIED by 7 votes to 0.

The Amendment became the Motion.

Moved Cr M Davis

Seconded Cr T Alt

13.04/25 RESOLUTION

THAT Council:

1. Notes the information contained in this report.
2. Requests the General Manager to bring a report back to Council pertaining to the improved utilisation of the Glen Innes Airport and the next stages of the Airport Master Plan.

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

Nil

The division was declared carried by 7 votes to 0.

CARRIED

7.13 WASTE-TO-ENERGY TECHNOLOGY - COSTS, BENEFITS AND RISKS

REPORT FROM: Place and Growth

Moved Cr T Arandale

Seconded Cr A Parsons

THAT Council:

1. Notes the contents of this report.
2. Authorises the General Manager to undertake further investigations and discussions with SEATA Group regarding a potential Public Private Partnership (PPP), and to obtain legal advice to inform this process.
3. Endorses a \$75,000 budget allocation from the Sewer and Waste Funds Reserve to support a feedstock trial with SEATA.
4. Receives a further report detailing the outcomes of the feedstock trial once complete and PPP investigations, including legal considerations, and estimated costs to progress the proposed agreement.

Amendment Moved Cr D Scott Seconded Cr T Arandale

That Council:

1. Notes the contents of this report.
2. Creates a sub-committee of Council comprised of Councillors Davis, Scott, Arandale and Parsons, the General Manager, the Director of Place and Growth, John Winter and 3 SEATA directors to undertake further investigations and discussions regarding a potential Public Private Partnership (PPP), and to obtain legal advice to inform this process.
3. Endorses a \$75,000 budget allocation from the Sewer and Waste Funds Reserve to support a local feedstock trial with SEATA.
4. Receives a further report detailing the outcomes of the feedstock trial once complete and PPP investigations, including legal considerations, and estimated costs and returns to potentially progress the proposed agreement towards the ownership and means of operation of a SEATA plant by GISC, to also enable GISC to become a power producer and retailer.
5. Makes recommendation for the amendment of the Draft Community Strategic Plan, Delivery Program and the Operational Plan to ensure there are no potential impediments for submissions to OLG.
6. Identifies a potential site bearing in mind geography, geology, transport corridors and road and site works.

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

For

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

Against

Cr M Davis
Cr C Sparks
Cr M Elphick

The division was declared CARRIED by 4 votes to 3.

The Amendment became the Motion.

Amendment Moved Cr T Arandale Seconded Cr T Alt

That Council:

1. Notes the contents of this report.
2. Creates a sub-committee of Council comprised of Councillors Davis, Scott, Sparks and Parsons, the General Manager, the Director of Place and Growth, John Winter and 3 SEATA directors to undertake further investigations and discussions regarding a potential Public Private Partnership (PPP), and to obtain legal advice to inform this process.
3. Endorses a \$75,000 budget allocation from the Sewer and Waste Funds Reserve to support a local feedstock trial with SEATA.

4. Receives a further report detailing the outcomes of the feedstock trial once complete and PPP investigations, including legal considerations, and estimated costs and returns to potentially progress the proposed agreement towards the ownership and means of operation of a SEATA plant by GISC, to also enable GISC to become a power producer and retailer.
5. Makes recommendation for the amendment of the Draft Community Strategic Plan, Delivery Program and the Operational Plan to ensure there are no potential impediments for submissions to OLG.
6. Identifies a potential site bearing in mind geography, geology, transport corridors and road and site works.

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

For

Cr T Alt

Against

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

The division was declared LOST by 6 votes to 1.

Moved Cr D Scott

Seconded Cr T Arandale

14.04/25 RESOLUTION

That Council:

1. Notes the contents of this report.
2. Creates a sub-committee of Council comprised of Councillors Davis, Scott, Arandale and Parsons, the General Manager, the Director of Place and Growth, John Winter and 3 SEATA directors to undertake further investigations and discussions regarding a potential Public Private Partnership (PPP), and to obtain legal advice to inform this process.
3. Endorses a \$75,000 budget allocation from the Sewer and Waste Funds Reserve to support a local feedstock trial with SEATA.
4. Receives a further report detailing the outcomes of the feedstock trial once complete and PPP investigations, including legal considerations, and estimated costs and returns to potentially progress the proposed agreement towards the ownership and means of operation of a SEATA plant by GISC, to also enable GISC to become a power producer and retailer.
5. Makes recommendation for the amendment of the Draft Community Strategic Plan, Delivery Program and the Operational Plan to ensure there are no potential impediments for submissions to OLG.
6. Identifies a potential site bearing in mind geography, geology, transport corridors and road and site works.

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

For

Cr C Sparks
Cr T Alt
Cr T Arandale
Cr A Parsons
Cr D Scott

Against

Cr M Davis
Cr M Elphick

The division was declared carried by 5 votes to 2.

CARRIED

The Director of Place and Growth, Mrs Riarna Sheridan, declared a Significant Non-Pecuniary Conflict of Interest regarding Item number 7.14 Development Assessment Report – DA 43/24-25 – 76 Blacks Road, Glen Innes, as her former private town planning company was engaged and remunerated to prepare and lodge this development application with Council prior to her commencement as Director of Place and Growth.

The Director of Place and Growth, Mrs Riarna Sheridan, declared a Significant Non-Pecuniary Conflict of Interest regarding Item number 7.15 Development Assessment Report – DA 50/24-25 – 450 Emmaville Road, Glen Innes, as her former private town planning company was engaged and remunerated to prepare and lodge this development application with Council prior to her commencement as Director of Place and Growth.

The Director left the meeting at 11:43am and did not participate in the discussion of Item number 7.14 and Item number 7.15.

Moved Cr A Parsons

Seconded Cr M Elphick

15.04/25 RESOLUTION

That Item Number 7.14 and Item Number 7.15 be discussed jointly.

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

7.14 DEVELOPMENT ASSESSMENT REPORT - DA 43/24-25 - 76 BLACKS ROAD, GLEN INNES

REPORT FROM: Place and Growth

Moved Cr A Parsons Seconded Cr T Alt

16.04/25 RESOLUTION

That Council approves Development Application 43/24-25 for the construction of a single storey dwelling house at 76 Blacks Road Glen Innes, be approved in accordance with the conditions of consent and 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

7.15 DEVELOPMENT ASSESSMENT REPORT - DA 50/24-25 - 450 EMMAVILLE ROAD, GLEN INNES

REPORT FROM: Place and Growth

Moved Cr A Parsons Seconded Cr T Alt

17.04/25 RESOLUTION

That Council approves Development Application 50/24-25 for the construction of a single storey dwelling house at 450 Emmaville Road, Glen Innes, in accordance with the conditions of consent and the 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
Cr C Sparks
Cr T Alt
Cr T Arandale
Cr M Elphick
Cr A Parsons
Cr D Scott

Nil

The division was declared CARRIED by 7 votes to 0.

CARRIED

The Director of Place and Growth returned to the meeting at 11:45am.

7.16 DEVELOPMENT ASSESSMENT REPORT: JANUARY 2025 - MARCH 2025

REPORT FROM: Place and Growth

Moved Cr A Parsons

Seconded Cr T Alt

18.04/25 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
Cr C Sparks
Cr T Alt
Cr T Arandale
Cr M Elphick
Cr A Parsons
Cr D Scott

Nil

The division was declared carried by 7 votes to 0.

CARRIED

7.17 HEADWORKS CHARGES DISCOUNT FOR NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANISATIONS

REPORT FROM: Infrastructure Services

Moved Cr A Parsons Seconded Cr C Sparks

THAT Council:

1. Approves the inclusion of a 50% discount on headworks charges for eligible not-for-profit organisations, as defined in this report, within the Glen Innes Severn Council's Development Services Plan.
2. Undertakes a review of the financial impact of the discount after 12 months of implementation and reports back to Council with findings and recommendations.

Amendment Moved Cr T Arandale Seconded Cr A Parsons

That Council defers this report to the May 2025 Ordinary Council Meeting to ensure that the risks associated with discount head works are dealt with.

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.

The Amendment became the Motion.

Moved Cr T Arandale Seconded Cr A Parsons

19.04/25 RESOLUTION

That Council defers this report to the May 2025 Ordinary Council Meeting to ensure that the risks associated with discount head works are dealt with.

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

Nil

The division was declared carried by 7 votes to 0.

CARRIED

7.18 LEX RITCHIE PARK - PLAN OF MANAGEMENT

REPORT FROM: Infrastructure Services

Moved Cr A Parsons

Seconded Cr T Alt

THAT Council:

1. Rescinds the existing Plan of Management – Lex Ritchie Park.
2. Approves for the revised Lex Ritchie Park – Plan of Management to be placed on public exhibition for 28 days from Thursday, 24 April until Wednesday, 4 June 2025, with submissions to be made within 42 days from Thursday, 24 April 2025.
3. Displays the revised Lex Ritchie Park – Plan of Management on Council's website, and that it be made available for viewing at the following locations:
 - Council's Town Hall Office;
 - Council's Church Street Office; and
 - The Village Post Offices at Deepwater and Emmaville.
4. Requests the Manager of Asset Services to prepare a further report to Council after the exhibition and submission period in the event of Council receiving any substantial submissions regarding the Lex Ritchie Park – Plan of Management; otherwise, that the Lex Ritchie Park – Plan of Management be adopted by Council.

Amendment Moved Cr T Alt

Seconded Cr T Arandale

THAT Council:

1. Rescinds the existing Plan of Management – Lex Ritchie Park.
2. Approves for the revised Lex Ritchie Park – Plan of Management to be placed on public exhibition for 28 days from Thursday, 24 April until Wednesday, 4 June 2025, with submissions to be made within 42 days from Thursday, 24 April 2025.

3. Displays the revised Lex Ritchie Park – Plan of Management on Council’s website, and that it be made available for viewing at the following locations:
 - Council’s Town Hall Office;
 - Council’s Church Street Office; and
 - The Village Post Offices at Deepwater and Emmaville.
4. Requests the Manager of Asset Services to prepare a further report to Council after the exhibition and submission period in the event of Council receiving any substantial submissions regarding the Lex Ritchie Park – Plan of Management; otherwise, that the Lex Ritchie Park – Plan of Management be adopted by Council.
5. Endorses the construction of a truckers’ memorial at Lex Ritchie Park by the Glen Innes Local Truck Committee, subject to the full adoption of the Plan of Management and the Committee obtaining all necessary development and building approvals prior to works commencing. It is further noted that the ongoing maintenance of the memorial, once constructed, will be the responsibility of the Glen Innes Local Truck Committee.

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.

The Amendment became the Motion.

Moved Cr T Alt

Seconded Cr T Arandale

20.04/25 RESOLUTION

THAT Council:

1. Rescinds the existing Plan of Management – Lex Ritchie Park.
2. Approves for the revised Lex Ritchie Park – Plan of Management to be placed on public exhibition for 28 days from Thursday, 24 April until Wednesday, 4 June 2025, with submissions to be made within 42 days from Thursday, 24 April 2025.
3. Displays the revised Lex Ritchie Park – Plan of Management on Council’s website, and that it be made available for viewing at the following locations:
 - Council’s Town Hall Office;
 - Council’s Church Street Office; and

- The Village Post Offices at Deepwater and Emmaville.

4. Requests the Manager of Asset Services to prepare a further report to Council after the exhibition and submission period in the event of Council receiving any substantial submissions regarding the Lex Ritchie Park – Plan of Management; otherwise, that the Lex Ritchie Park – Plan of Management be adopted by Council.
5. Endorses the construction of a truckers’ memorial at Lex Ritchie Park by the Glen Innes Local Truck Committee, subject to the full adoption of the Plan of Management and the Committee obtaining all necessary development and building approvals prior to works commencing. It is further noted that the ongoing maintenance of the memorial, once constructed, will be the responsibility of the Glen Innes Local Truck Committee.

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 M Elphick

Seconded Cr T Alt

21.04/25 RESOLUTION

That the meeting be extended to 1.00pm.

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 meeting adjourned for a short break at 11.55am.
The meeting resumed at 12.02pm.

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

8.1 NOTICE OF MOTION - LANG STREET DEPOT AMENITIES

REPORT FROM: Councillors

Moved Cr T Arandale Seconded Cr D Scott

To reaffirm this council's commitment to ensuring all of council staff have the best basic facilities required to perform their duties. By,

1. Confirming the budget set by council in the September Council Meeting resolution 13.09/22.
2. Committing to having the project completed by the end of the 2025 calendar year and,
3. To have the resolution included in the resolution tracking report for detailed progress updates of the project.

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

For

Cr T Arandale
Cr A Parsons
Cr D Scott

Against

Cr M Davis
Cr C Sparks
Cr T Alt
Cr M Elphick

The division was declared LOST by 4 votes to 3.

8.2 NOTICE OF MOTION - OVERDRAFT FACILITY

REPORT FROM: Councillors

Moved Cr D Scott Seconded Cr A Parsons

THAT Council:

1. Investigates the process by which a \$5 million overdraft facility was established in February 2025.
2. Confirms whether the establishment and operation of the overdraft facility complied with the Local Government Act 1993 (Sections 621–624), the Office of Local Government's Circular 09-21 and Council's adopted Bank Account Overdraft Facility Policy.

3. Receives a full report from the General Manager including:
 - (a) The contractual documentation and approvals relating to the establishment of the overdraft facility.
 - (b) A detailed breakdown of all expenditures funded through the overdraft facility by accounting line item and general ledger code, from the time of activation in February 2025 to present.
4. Reviews its financial delegations, borrowing policy, and internal controls to ensure compliance with statutory obligations and sound governance practices.
5. Refers the matter to the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee for review at its next scheduled meeting.

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

For

Cr T Arandale
Cr A Parsons
Cr D Scott

Against

Cr M Davis
Cr C Sparks
Cr T Alt
Cr M Elphick

The division was declared LOST by 4 votes to 3.

9 CORRESPONDENCE, MINUTES, PRESS RELEASES

9.1 CORRESPONDENCE AND PRESS RELEASES

REPORT FROM: Corporate and Community Services

Moved Cr C Sparks Seconded Cr T Alt

22.04/25 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

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 T Alt

23.04/25 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 C Sparks

24.04/25 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

11 MATTERS OF AN URGENT NATURE

11.1 ILLEGAL TRADE OF TOBACCO IN GLEN INNES

Proposed by Cr T Arandale:

I hereby request the following be heard as a matter of an urgent nature.

That this council must act to hinder if not close the illegal trade of tobacco in Glen Innes. By,

1. Enforcing no smoking rules within our Main Street.
2. Ensuring the tobacco shops in Glen Innes Strictly adhere to our councils Development. Control Plan and remove the shop window facade blocking visibility into shopfronts.
3. Reporting the presence and effects of these shops and products to NSW Health and demand action.
4. Work with local police to eliminate the sale of illegal tobacco products in our town. And,
5. Demand action by state and federal governments to stop these products ending up in the hands of our children.

I realise that in this chamber I hold no privilege and I understand I am liable for everything I say. In saying that I make the statement that this council must do whatever it takes to prevent the sale of illegal tobacco and related products in our LGA. There are currently two tobacco shops in Glen Innes that I call into question their legitimacy. These shops are selling unregulated and illegal tobacco products to our community.

I have witnessed the sale of cigarettes without warning labels that do not comply with Australian Standards and Australian consumer laws. I have witnessed the sale of illegal flavoured vapes. I have witnessed the sale of chop chop and illegal practices such as per cigarette pricing. The most heinous and what I consider to be of the utmost urgency is the sale of these products to underage children of our community.

Besides the obvious legal and ethical breaches shops like these commit is the real effects our community faces. Shops like these place pressure on legitimate businesses that give back to our community, they create anti-social behaviour in our schools with children as young as 8 being diagnosed with nicotine withdrawal during school hours. Shops like these drive up the price of insurance on businesses in our main street by simply being located near one because of the likelihood of antisocial and illegal behaviour.

It is a joint effort between community, governments, and business to shape the community we want to live in. This council needs to do its part and lead the way in ensuring the illegal tobacco trade has no home in Glen Innes.

I commend this motion to councillors and seek your support.

Moved Cr T Arandale

Seconded Cr A Parsons

25.04/25 RESOLUTION

That That this council must act to hinder if not close the illegal trade of tobacco in Glen Innes. By,

1. Enforcing no smoking rules within our Main Street.
2. Ensuring the tobacco shops in Glen Innes Strictly adhere to our councils Development. Control Plan and remove the shop window facade blocking visibility into shopfronts.
3. Reporting the presence and effects of these shops and products to NSW Health and demand action.
4. Work with local police to eliminate the sale of illegal tobacco products in our town. And,
5. Demand action by state and federal governments to stop these products ending up in the hands of our children.

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

Nil

The division was declared carried by 7 votes to 0.

CARRIED

12 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

Moved Cr M Elphick

Seconded Cr T Alt

26.04/25 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	Life Choices - Support Services - Sustainability Strategy	(c) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.
12.2	Taronga Mines Heads of Agreement Letter	(d) (ii) commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the Council.
12.3	Notice of Motion of Rescission - Resolution 2.03/25 Sale of 146 and 148 Church Street, Glen Innes	(a) personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than councillors). (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.

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

Nil

The division was declared carried by 7 votes to 0.

CARRIED

The live streaming of the Meeting was paused at 12.31pm.

All members of the public left the room at 12.31pm.

12.1 LIFE CHOICES - SUPPORT SERVICES - SUSTAINABILITY STRATEGY

REPORT FROM: Corporate and Community Services

Moved Cr A Parsons

Seconded Cr C Sparks

27.04/25 RESOLUTION

That Council endorse the Life Choices – Support Services Sustainability Strategy.

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

12.2 TARONGA MINES HEADS OF AGREEMENT LETTER

REPORT FROM: Infrastructure Services

Moved Cr M Davis

Seconded Cr C Sparks

28.04/25 RESOLUTION

THAT Council:

1. Endorses the proposed terms from Taronga Mines as the basis for a binding Heads of Agreement, with the exception of the lease amount which is to be negotiated.
2. Ensures the following economic development opportunities are included in the heads of agreement:
 - a. Local Procurement and Supply Chain Commitments to Prioritise local suppliers and contractors including adequate reporting as part of the future lease terms;
 - b. Facilitation of Local Business Inclusion in Camp Operations including but not limited to service contracts be opened to local tender or partnership with local operators;
 - c. Requirements to enable Local Spending by FIFO/DIDO Workers including providing transport or shuttle services into Glen Innes township on weekends or RDOs to support local hospitality, retail, and recreation;

- d. Link Camp Development to Skills and Employment Pathways including a requirement for Taronga to offer local traineeships or apprenticeships during construction or operation as well as TAFE partnerships to run pre-employment programs;
 - e. Tie Economic Benefit to Performance Reporting and Planning Reviews to ensure ongoing transparency and accountability;
3. Brings the final heads of agreement to a future Council meeting for endorsement.

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 C Sparks

29.04/25 RESOLUTION

That the meeting be extended until 1.10pm.

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

12.3 NOTICE OF MOTION OF RESCISSION - RESOLUTION 2.03/25 SALE OF 146 AND 148 CHURCH STREET, GLEN INNES

REPORT FROM: Councillors

Moved Cr D Scott Seconded Cr T Arandale

The Motion of Rescission was LOST:

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

For

Cr T Arandale
Cr A Parsons
Cr D Scott

Against

Cr M Davis
Cr C Sparks
Cr T Alt
Cr M Elphick

The division was declared LOST by 4 votes to 3.

Moved Cr T Alt

Seconded Cr A Parsons

30.04/25 RESOLUTION

That Council moves out of Closed Council into Open Council.

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 resumed at 1.02pm.

The General Manager read out the Confidential Closed Resolution/s relating to Item numbers 12.1, 12.2 and 12.3 as listed above.

Moved Cr T Alt

Seconded Cr C Sparks

31.04/25 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

Cr M Davis
Cr C Sparks
Cr T Alt
Cr M Elphick

Against

Cr T Arandale
Cr A Parsons
Cr D Scott

The division was declared carried by 4 votes to 3.

CARRIED

The Meeting closed at 1.07pm.