

Glen Innes Severn Extraordinary Council Meeting

11 MAY 2026

Minutes



**SEVERN COUNCIL
EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL**

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From the meeting held at the Glen Innes Severn Learning Centre,
William Gardner Conference Room, Grey Street, Glen Innes on:

Monday, 11 May 2026 at 9:00 AM

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PUBLIC FORUM

No community members addressed Council.

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr Bernard Smith (General Manager), Mr Alan Butler (Director of Infrastructure Services), Mrs Riarna Sheridan (Director of Place and Growth), Mr Lindsay Woodland (Director of Corporate and Community Services), Mr Gary Mills (Acting Chief Financial Officer), 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 everyone joining us in the gallery today, thank you for being here. By attending this public meeting, you acknowledge that the proceedings—including images, voices and comments—are being recorded and may be published.

If you are invited to speak, your contribution will form part of the live stream and the official recording. We simply ask that comments stay focused on the matter under discussion and avoid any defamatory content.

The Chair and the General Manager hold the authority to pause or end the live stream if exceptional circumstances arise—for example, if debate strays into misleading, defamatory, or otherwise inappropriate territory. This discretion is exercised sparingly and only to maintain the integrity of the meeting.

All attendees are reminded to engage respectfully. Behaviour or comments that fall outside acceptable standards may carry legal implications.

Under the Model Code of Meeting Practice for NSW local government, the Chair is responsible for ensuring the meeting runs safely, respectfully, and in accordance with the Code.

Councillors are also reminded of their obligations under both the Code of Meeting Practice and the Code of Conduct, as well as the Oath or Affirmation of Office made under Section 233A of the Local Government Act 1993. These commitments guide how we work together and uphold the trust placed in us by the community."

1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TO COUNTRY

The Mayor read the following “Acknowledgement of Country”:

“I acknowledge the traditional owners on the land in which we meet today, the Ngarabul people, and pay my respect 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 APOLOGIES

No apologies were given as all Councillors were in attendance.

3 DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS: PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS

No Disclosures of Conflicts of Interests were made.

4 REPORTS TO COUNCIL

4.1 DRAFT OPERATIONAL PLAN AND BUDGET 2026-2027 FOR PUBLIC EXHIBITION

REPORT FROM: Corporate and Community Services

Moved Cr M Davis

Seconded Cr M Elphick

THAT Council:

1. Approves the following documents to be placed on public exhibition, inviting submissions from 11 May 2026 until 8 June 2026:
 - Draft Operational Plan 2026-2027 including the Draft 2026-2027 Operating Budget and Draft 2026-2027 Rating and Revenue Policy Statement (Annexure A)
 - Draft 2026-2027 Schedule of Fees and Charges (Annexure B).
2. Displays the abovementioned documents on Council’s website, and that they 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. Notes that the Draft Operational Plan and Budget 2026–2027 have been prepared on the assumption that the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) will approve Council’s Special Rate Variation (SRV) application, with IPART’s determination expected in May 2026.

4. Notes that following IPART’s determination, the Draft documents will be updated as required prior to adoption to:
 - a. amend references to assumed SRV approval, or
 - b. reflect any revised or modified IPART determination.
5. Notes that a further report will be presented to Council after the exhibition period to seek adoption of the abovementioned documents.

Amendment Moved Cr D Scott Seconded Cr A Parsons

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5. Notes that all submissions received during the public exhibition period will be duly considered by Council prior to the preparation of the final documents and their presentation to Council for adoption.

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

For

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

Against

Cr M Elphick

The division was declared CARRIED by 6 votes to 1.

The Amendment became the Motion.

Moved Cr D Scott

Seconded Cr A Parsons

1.05/26 RESOLUTION

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CARRIED

Moved Cr D Scott

Seconded Cr A Parsons

2.05/26 RESOLUTION

THAT Council:

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CARRIED

The Meeting closed at 9.40am.