

**Glen Innes Severn Ordinary Council Meeting**

**18 JUNE 2026**

**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, 18 June 2026 at 9:00 AM

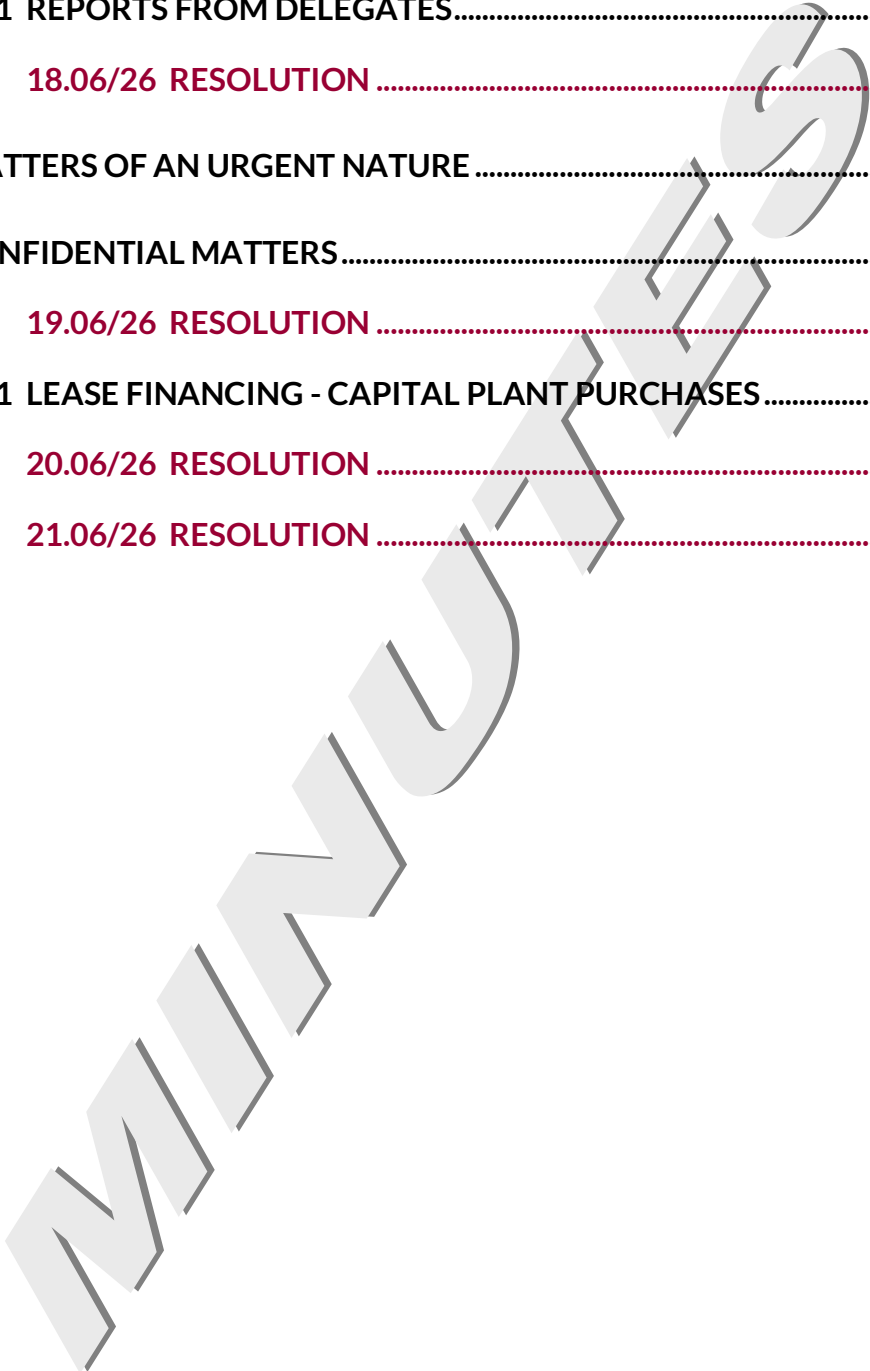
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## **PUBLIC FORUM**

No community members addressed Council.

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**PRESENT:** Cr Margot Davis (Mayor), Cr Carol Sparks (Deputy Mayor), 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 Mark Crompton (Interim Chief Financial Officer), Ms Tracey Carr (Governance Manager) and Mrs Debbie Duffell (Executive Assistant (Mayor and General Manager)).

**OPENED:** 9.00am.

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

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

## 1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF 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 OPENING WITH PRAYER

Cr D Scott opened the Meeting with a prayer.

## 3 APOLOGIES AND APPLICATIONS FOR A LEAVE OF ABSENCE BY COUNCILLORS

The apology previously received from Cr T Alt was noted. There were no applications for a leave of absence.

## 4 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS ORDINARY MEETING - 28 MAY 2026 TO BE CONFIRMED

Moved Cr M Elphick

Seconded Cr D Scott

### 1.06/26 RESOLUTION

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 28 May 2026, 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

Cr M Davis  
Cr C Sparks  
Cr M Elphick  
Cr A Parsons  
Cr D Scott  
Cr A Vosper

Against

Nil

The division was declared carried by 6 votes to 0.

**CARRIED**

## 5 DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

Nil.

## 6 MAYORAL MINUTE

### 6.1 FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY PHASE 2 - ORGANISATIONAL TRANSFORMATION AND PERFORMANCE

#### Purpose

To support the successful implementation of Council's adopted Long-Term Financial Plan, Operational Plan and associated financial sustainability initiatives through a coordinated organisational improvement, delivery and assurance roadmap.

#### Rationale

Over the past two years Council has undertaken significant work to better understand and address its long-term financial sustainability challenges. This has included the development and refinement of the Long-Term Financial Plan, implementation of improvement actions arising from external reviews and audits, consideration of organisational efficiencies, and the development of Council's Special Rate Variation application.

Council's adopted Long-Term Financial Plan provides the strategic pathway towards improved financial sustainability, including implementation of the approved Special Rate Variation, expenditure management, service prioritisation, organisational improvement and continuous improvement initiatives.

This Mayoral Minute does not seek to revisit those adopted directions, but rather to ensure Council has clear visibility of the initiatives, obligations and organisational capabilities required to successfully deliver them.

Council is currently managing a significant program of organisational transformation, implementation of the Civica Business System, responses to Audit Office findings, financial reporting improvements, service planning activities and ongoing operational improvements. Many of these initiatives are interconnected and draw upon the same organisational resources and specialist capabilities.

As Council moves from planning towards implementation, it is important that Councillors have a clear understanding of the various workstreams underway, planned or identified for future implementation, the resources required to deliver them, and any risks or dependencies that may impact successful delivery.

Long-term financial sustainability will not be achieved through a single initiative. It will require a coordinated program of improvements over a number of years across systems, financial management, service delivery, organisational capability, operational efficiency and continuous improvement.

A consolidated roadmap will assist Council in understanding both the work currently underway and the future initiatives that may be required to achieve Council's long-term objectives.

As Council's organisational improvement program continues to mature, it is important that reporting and assurance arrangements remain clear, efficient and aligned with Council's governance responsibilities and legislative obligations.

Given the increasing volume of reporting, compliance, assurance and oversight activities across the organisation, there is value in reviewing current reporting pathways and requirements to ensure they remain aligned with ARIC's Terms of Reference, Council's governance responsibilities and organisational priorities, while reducing duplication, improving transparency and supporting informed decision-making.

This report will provide Council with a consolidated view of implementation activities and assist in ensuring organisational effort remains aligned with Council's adopted strategic priorities, financial sustainability objectives and service commitments to the community.

Moved Cr M Davis

Seconded Cr C Sparks

## **2.06/26 RESOLUTION**

THAT Council:

1. Notes that the Long-Term Financial Plan, Operational Plan and associated financial sustainability initiatives establish Council's strategic pathway towards improved financial sustainability.
2. Requests the General Manager provide a report to the September 2026 Council Meeting outlining:
  - a. A consolidated implementation roadmap for key financial sustainability, audit, assurance, organisational improvement, systems improvement and organisational development initiatives currently underway, planned or identified for future implementation across the organisation;
  - b. The interdependencies, resource requirements, risks and delivery timeframes associated with those initiatives;
  - c. Opportunities to improve the effectiveness, efficiency and transparency of reporting, assurance and organisational improvement activities, including any opportunities for consolidation, alignment or streamlining, while supporting delivery of Council's adopted Long-Term Financial Plan and strategic objectives;

- d. ARIC reporting obligations and pathways to Council under its Terms of Reference, including opportunities to strengthen alignment between ARIC, Council and broader organisational assurance activities;
- e. Organisational capability, workforce and project delivery considerations necessary to support successful implementation of Council's adopted priorities and financial sustainability objectives; and
- f. Opportunities for future organisational improvement and service review activities that may further support delivery of Council's adopted Long-Term Financial Plan and financial sustainability objectives.

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

For

Cr M Davis  
Cr C Sparks  
Cr M Elphick  
Cr A Vosper

Against

Cr A Parsons  
Cr D Scott

The division was declared carried by 4 votes to 2.

**CARRIED**

## 7 REPORTS TO COUNCIL

### 7.1 CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE - RESCINDMENT

**REPORT FROM: Corporate and Community Services**

Moved Cr A Parsons      Seconded Cr M Elphick

#### **3.06/26 RESOLUTION**

That Council rescind Resolution number (8.11/25) adopted at the Ordinary Council Meeting held 27 November 2025.

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

For

Cr M Davis  
Cr C Sparks  
Cr M Elphick  
Cr A Parsons  
Cr D Scott  
Cr A Vosper

Against

Nil

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 D Scott

### 4.06/26 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 M Elphick	
Cr A Parsons	
Cr D Scott	
Cr A Vosper	

The division was declared carried by 6 votes to 0.

**CARRIED**

## 7.3 DRAFT OPERATIONAL PLAN AND BUDGET 2026-2027 FOR ADOPTION

**REPORT FROM: Corporate and Community Services**

Moved Cr M Elphick                      Seconded Cr C Sparks

THAT Council:

1. Adopts the Operational Plan and Budget 2026-2027.
2. Notes and adopts the recent approval by the NSW Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) of the permanent Special Rate Variation of 48.3% over three years (cumulative total inclusive of rate peg) with the Year 1 increase of 21.5% which has been included in the Operational Plan and Budget for the 2026-2027.
3. Adopts the Rating and Revenue Policy Statement 2026-2027 as part of Council's Operational Plan and Budget 2026-2027.
4. In accordance with Section 494 of the Local Government Act 1993, makes and levies the ordinary rates for the year 2026-2027 as per the Rating and Revenue Policy Statement 2026-2027.

5. In accordance with Part 9, Division 5, clause 211(2) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021, approves expenditure and vote funds as detailed in the Operational Plan and Budget 2026-27.
6. In relation to water supply charges, in accordance with Section 501 and Section 502 of the Local Government Act 1993, makes and levies the charges for Water Supply Services in 2026-2027, as per the Rating and Revenue Policy Statement 2026-2027.
7. In relation to sewerage service charges, in accordance with Section 501 and Section 502 of the Local Government Act 1993, makes and levies the charges for Sewerage Services in 2026-2027, as per the Rating and Revenue Policy Statement 2026-2027.
8. In relation to waste management charges, in accordance with Section 496 and Section 501 and Section 502 of the Local Government Act 1993, makes and levies the annual charges for Waste Management Services in 2026-2027, as per the Rating and Revenue Policy Statement 2026-2027.
9. In relation to interest on overdue rates and charges, makes and imposes the maximum charge for interest of 9.5% on overdue rates and charges as determined by the Minister for Local Government, in accordance with Section 566 (3) of the Local Government Act 1993.
10. In relation to the exhibited fees and charges for the actual use of services provided by Council as detailed in the Fees and Charges included in the Operational Plan and Budget 2026-2027, adopts the fees and charges in accordance with Section 502 of the Local Government Act 1993.
11. Notes that over the next six months, a structured program of identifying long term budget savings will be undertaken based on efficiency gains, productivity improvements and service reviews.

Amendment Moved Cr D Scott Seconded Cr A Parsons

THAT Council:

1. Adopts the Operational Plan and Budget 2026-2027.
2. a) Notes that IPART has approved a permanent Special Rate Variation resulting in an increase in general income of 48.3% over three years commencing in 2026/27.  
b) Notes IPART's determination expressly states that Council may defer rate increases up to the maximum approved amount for up to ten years.  
c) Resolves to implement the approved 48.3% Special Variation over a ten-year period commencing in 2026/27 through annual compounded increases of approximately 4.03% per annum, rather than applying increases of 21.5%, 12% and 9% over three years.  
d) Requests the General Manager prepare a revised Long Term Financial Plan, Delivery Program and Operational Plan reflecting this implementation methodology.  
e) Undertakes community consultation regarding the revised implementation schedule prior to adoption of future rating resolutions.

3. Adopts the Rating and Revenue Policy Statement 2026-2027 as part of Council's Operational Plan and Budget 2026-2027.
4. In accordance with Section 494 of the Local Government Act 1993, makes and levies the ordinary rates for the year 2026-2027 as per the Rating and Revenue Policy Statement 2026-2027.
5. In accordance with Part 9, Division 5, clause 211(2) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021, approves expenditure and vote funds as detailed in the Operational Plan and Budget 2026-27.
6. In relation to water supply charges, in accordance with Section 501 and Section 502 of the Local Government Act 1993, makes and levies the charges for Water Supply Services in 2026-2027, as per the Rating and Revenue Policy Statement 2026-2027.
7. In relation to sewerage service charges, in accordance with Section 501 and Section 502 of the Local Government Act 1993, makes and levies the charges for Sewerage Services in 2026-2027, as per the Rating and Revenue Policy Statement 2026-2027.
8. In relation to waste management charges, in accordance with Section 496 and Section 501 and Section 502 of the Local Government Act 1993, makes and levies the annual charges for Waste Management Services in 2026-2027, as per the Rating and Revenue Policy Statement 2026-2027.
9. In relation to interest on overdue rates and charges, makes and imposes the maximum charge for interest of 9.5% on overdue rates and charges as determined by the Minister for Local Government, in accordance with Section 566 (3) of the Local Government Act 1993.
10. In relation to the exhibited fees and charges for the actual use of services provided by Council as detailed in the Fees and Charges included Operational Plan and Budget 2026-2027, adopts the fees and charges in accordance with Section 502 of the Local Government Act 1993.
11. Notes that over the next six months, a structured program of identifying long term budget savings will be undertaken based on efficiency gains, productivity improvements and service reviews.

*Cr D Scott presented a petition to Council under section 22.4 of the Code of Meeting Practice in support of another option.*

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

For	Against
Cr A Parsons	Cr M Davis
Cr D Scott	Cr C Sparks
	Cr M Elphick
	Cr A Vosper

The division was declared LOST by 4 votes to 2.

Moved Cr M Elphick

Seconded Cr C Sparks

## 5.06/26 RESOLUTION

THAT Council:

1. Adopts the Operational Plan and Budget 2026-2027.
2. Notes and adopts the recent approval by the NSW Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) of the permanent Special Rate Variation of 48.3% over three years (cumulative total inclusive of rate peg) with the Year 1 increase of 21.5% which has been included in the Operational Plan and Budget for the 2026-2027.
3. Adopts the Rating and Revenue Policy Statement 2026-2027 as part of Council's Operational Plan and Budget 2026-2027.
4. In accordance with Section 494 of the Local Government Act 1993, makes and levies the ordinary rates for the year 2026-2027 as per the Rating and Revenue Policy Statement 2026-2027.
5. In accordance with Part 9, Division 5, clause 211(2) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021, approves expenditure and vote funds as detailed in the Operational Plan and Budget 2026-27.
6. In relation to water supply charges, in accordance with Section 501 and Section 502 of the Local Government Act 1993, makes and levies the charges for Water Supply Services in 2026-2027, as per the Rating and Revenue Policy Statement 2026-2027.
7. In relation to sewerage service charges, in accordance with Section 501 and Section 502 of the Local Government Act 1993, makes and levies the charges for Sewerage Services in 2026-2027, as per the Rating and Revenue Policy Statement 2026-2027.
8. In relation to waste management charges, in accordance with Section 496 and Section 501 and Section 502 of the Local Government Act 1993, makes and levies the annual charges for Waste Management Services in 2026-2027, as per the Rating and Revenue Policy Statement 2026-2027.
9. In relation to interest on overdue rates and charges, makes and imposes the maximum charge for interest of 9.5% on overdue rates and charges as determined by the Minister for Local Government, in accordance with Section 566 (3) of the Local Government Act 1993.
10. In relation to the exhibited fees and charges for the actual use of services provided by Council as detailed in the Fees and Charges included in the Operational Plan and Budget 2026-2027, adopts the fees and charges in accordance with Section 502 of the Local Government Act 1993.
11. Notes that over the next six months, a structured program of identifying long term budget savings will be undertaken based on efficiency gains, productivity improvements and service reviews.

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

For	Against
Cr M Davis	Cr A Parsons
Cr C Sparks	Cr D Scott
Cr M Elphick	
Cr A Vosper	

The division was declared carried by 4 votes to 2.

**CARRIED**

Moved Cr M Davis                      Seconded Cr M Elphick

### **6.06/26 RESOLUTION**

That Council receive and note Petition to Glen Innes Severn Council – Support a fairer approach to the 48.3% rate increase.

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

For	Against
Cr M Davis	Cr A Parsons
Cr C Sparks	Cr D Scott
Cr M Elphick	
Cr A Vosper	

The division was declared CARRIED by 4 votes to 2.

**CARRIED**

## **7.4 DRAFT LONG TERM FINANCIAL PLAN 2026-2036 FOR ADOPTION**

**REPORT FROM: Corporate and Community Services**

Moved Cr M Elphick                      Seconded Cr C Sparks

THAT Council:

1. Adopts the revised Long Term Financial Plan 2026-2036.
2. Notes that the NSW Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) has approved in full Council's application for a permanent 48.3% (cumulative, including the rate peg) Special Rate Variation over three years as follows; 21.5% in 2026/27, 12.0% in 27/28 and 9.0% in 28/29, which is reflected in the Draft Long Term Financial Plan.

Amendment Moved Cr D Scott Seconded Cr A Parsons

THAT Council:

1. Adopts the revised Long Term Financial Plan 2026-2036.
2. Notes the NSW Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) has approved in full Council's application for a permanent 48.3% (cumulative, including the rate peg) Special Rate Variation over three years as follows; 21.5% in 2026/27, 12.0% in 27/28 and 9.0% in 28/29, which is reflected in the Draft Long Term Financial Plan.
3. Amends the proposed Special Rate Variation implementation and associated Hardship Policy to provide that:
  - a) Eligible pensioner ratepayers receiving the NSW Pensioner Concession on their ordinary residential rate assessment be exempt from the Special Rate Variation increases proposed under the Long Term Financial Plan and the Special Rate Variation.
  - b) In lieu of the proposed Special Rate Variation increases of 21.5%, 12% and 9%, eligible pensioner ratepayers be subject only to the annual IPART rate peg increase plus 4.03%.
  - c) The Hardship Policy be amended to establish a Pensioner Protection Provision that recognises the limited capacity of pensioners living on fixed incomes to absorb substantial increases in local government charges.
  - d) The General Manager report to Council on any financial implications of this amendment and any consequential changes required to the Long Term Financial Plan.

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

For	Against
Cr A Parsons	Cr M Davis
Cr D Scott	Cr C Sparks
	Cr M Elphick
	Cr A Vosper

The division was declared LOST by 4 votes to 2.

Amendment Moved Cr M Davis Seconded Cr M Elphick

THAT Council:

1. Adopts the revised Long Term Financial Plan 2026-2036.
2. Notes that the NSW Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) has approved in full Council's application for a permanent 48.3% (cumulative, including the rate peg) Special Rate Variation over three years as follows; 21.5% in 2026/27, 12.0% in 27/28 and 9.0% in 28/29, which is reflected in the Draft Long Term Financial Plan.

3. Requests that as part of Financial Sustainability Phase 2 and the Operating Performance Improvement and Balanced Budget Pathway, following the assessment of opportunities to improve Council’s long term operating performance and financial sustainability, the 2027/28 review of the Long-Term Financial Plan incorporate the outcomes including opportunities to bring forward Council's projected return to an operating surplus from 2029/30 to 2028/2029 where supported by the outcomes achieved.

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

For	Against
Cr M Davis	Cr A Parsons
Cr C Sparks	Cr D Scott
Cr M Elphick	
Cr A Vosper	

The division was declared CARRIED by 4 votes to 2.

The Amendment became the Motion.

Moved Cr M Davis                      Seconded Cr M Elphick

### **7.06/26 RESOLUTION**

**THAT Council:**

1. Adopts the revised Long Term Financial Plan 2026-2036.
2. Notes that the NSW Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) has approved in full Council’s application for a permanent 48.3% (cumulative, including the rate peg) Special Rate Variation over three years as follows; 21.5% in 2026/27, 12.0% in 27/28 and 9.0% in 28/29, which is reflected in the Draft Long Term Financial Plan.
3. Requests that as part of Financial Sustainability Phase 2 and the Operating Performance Improvement and Balanced Budget Pathway, following the assessment of opportunities to improve Council’s long term operating performance and financial sustainability, the 2027/28 review of the Long-Term Financial Plan incorporate the outcomes including opportunities to bring forward Council's projected return to an operating surplus from 2029/30 to 2028/2029 where supported by the outcomes achieved.

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

For	Against
Cr M Davis	Cr A Parsons
Cr C Sparks	Cr D Scott
Cr M Elphick	
Cr A Vosper	

The division was declared carried by 4 votes to 2.

**CARRIED**

## 7.5 DETERMINATION OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL

**REPORT FROM: Corporate and Community Services**

Moved Cr M Elphick                      Seconded Cr C Sparks

THAT Council sets the maximum annual 2026/2027 fee, being:

1. Councillors fee of \$14,450.
2. An additional fee of \$31,510 for the Mayor.

Amendment Moved Cr D Scott    Seconded Cr A Parsons

That Council maintains the maximum annual fee at 2025/26 levels, being \$13,930 for councillors and an additional fee of \$30,390 for the Mayor.

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

For

Cr A Parsons  
Cr D Scott

Against

Cr M Davis  
Cr C Sparks  
Cr M Elphick  
Cr A Vosper

The division was declared LOST by 4 votes to 2.

Moved Cr M Elphick                      Seconded Cr C Sparks

### 8.06/26 RESOLUTION

THAT Council sets the maximum annual 2026/2027 fee, being:

1. Councillors fee of \$14,450.
2. An additional fee of \$31,510 for the Mayor.

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

For

Cr M Davis  
Cr C Sparks  
Cr M Elphick  
Cr A Vosper

Against

Cr A Parsons  
Cr D Scott

The division was declared carried by 4 votes to 2.

**CARRIED**

## 7.6 DRAFT RISK MANAGEMENT POLICY AND RISK APPETITE STATEMENT FOR PUBLIC EXHIBITION

**REPORT FROM: Corporate and Community Services**

Moved Cr M Elphick                      Seconded Cr C Sparks

### 9.06/26 RESOLUTION

THAT Council:

1. Approves the Draft Risk Management Policy and Draft Risk Appetite Statement to be placed on public exhibition for 28 days from Monday, 22 June 2026 to Monday, 20 July 2026.
2. Displays the Draft Risk Management Policy and Draft Risk Appetite Statement 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 Risk Management Policy or Draft Risk Appetite Statement; otherwise, that the documents 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 M Elphick	
Cr A Parsons	
Cr D Scott	
Cr A Vosper	

The division was declared carried by 6 votes to 0.

**CARRIED**

## 7.7 BALANCE SHEET VARIANCE WRITE-OFF

**REPORT FROM: Corporate and Community Services**

Moved Cr M Elphick                      Seconded Cr C Sparks

### 10.06/26 RESOLUTION

That Council approves the write-off of the Balance Sheet variations of net \$2,072.70.

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

For	Against
Cr M Davis	Cr A Parsons
Cr C Sparks	
Cr M Elphick	
Cr D Scott	
Cr A Vosper	

The division was declared carried by 5 votes to 1.

**CARRIED**

## **7.8 CASH & INVESTMENTS REPORT - MAY 2026**

**REPORT FROM: Corporate and Community Services**

Moved Cr M Elphick                      Seconded Cr M Davis

### **11.06/26 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 M Elphick	
Cr A Parsons	
Cr D Scott	
Cr A Vosper	

The division was declared carried by 6 votes to 0.

**CARRIED**

## **7.9 QUARTERLY BORROWINGS REPORT AS AT 31 MARCH 2026**

**REPORT FROM: Corporate and Community Services**

Moved Cr M Elphick                      Seconded Cr M Davis

That Council notes the information contained in this report.

Amendment Moved Cr M Davis Seconded Cr C Sparks

THAT Council:

1. Notes the information contained in this report.
2. Requests future Quarterly Borrowings Reports include, where practicable:
  - a. A comparative debt trend showing Council's total borrowings over previous years and the current financial year,
  - b. Relevant debt servicing indicators, including debt servicing ratios and other measures commonly used in local government financial sustainability reporting,
  - c. Commentary regarding Council's borrowing capacity and debt sustainability position to assist Councillors in understanding the relationship between existing borrowings, future capital investment opportunities and Council's long-term financial sustainability objectives, and
  - d. Leases.

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

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

The division was declared CARRIED by 6 votes to 0.

The Amendment became the Motion.

Moved Cr M Davis Seconded Cr C Sparks

**12.06/26 RESOLUTION**

THAT Council:

1. Notes the information contained in this report.
2. Requests future Quarterly Borrowings Reports include, where practicable:
  - a. A comparative debt trend showing Council's total borrowings over previous years and the current financial year,
  - b. Relevant debt servicing indicators, including debt servicing ratios and other measures commonly used in local government financial sustainability reporting,
  - c. Commentary regarding Council's borrowing capacity and debt sustainability position to assist Councillors in understanding the relationship between existing borrowings, future capital investment opportunities and Council's long-term financial sustainability objectives, and
  - d. Leases.

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

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

The division was declared carried by 6 votes to 0.

**CARRIED**

## 7.10 DRAFT GLEN INNES SEVERN COUNCIL CCTV ASSET PROTECTION POLICY REPORT FROM: Place and Growth

Moved Cr D Scott                      Seconded Cr A Parsons

### 13.06/26 RESOLUTION

THAT Council:

1. Approves the Draft Glen Innes Severn Council Public Safety and Asset Protection CCTV Strategy to be placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days from Monday, 22 June 2026 to Monday, 20 July 2026.
2. Displays the Draft Glen Innes Severn Council Public Safety and Asset Protection CCTV 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 Glen Innes Severn Council Public Safety and Asset Protection CCTV Strategy; otherwise, that the documents 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 M Elphick	
Cr A Parsons	
Cr D Scott	
Cr A Vosper	

The division was declared carried by 6 votes to 0.

**CARRIED**

## 7.11 TOWN HALL COFFEE SHOP EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

**REPORT FROM: Infrastructure Services**

Moved Cr D Scott                      Seconded Cr A Parsons

### 14.06/26 RESOLUTION

THAT Council:

1. Accepts the Expression of Interest submitted by the current Lessee, Elizabeth Walmsley to operate the Town Hall Coffee Shop.
2. Authorises the General Manager to negotiate and execute a lease for a period of three years with an option to extend for a further period of three years.

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

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

The division was declared carried by 6 votes to 0.

**CARRIED**

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

Nil.

Moved Cr A Parsons                      Seconded Cr M Elphick

### 15.06/26 RESOLUTION

That Council passes Item numbers 9.1, 9.2 and 10.1 en bloc.

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

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

The division was declared CARRIED by 6 votes to 0.

**CARRIED**

## 9 CORRESPONDENCE, MINUTES, PRESS RELEASES

### 9.1 CORRESPONDENCE AND PRESS RELEASES

**REPORT FROM: Corporate and Community Services**

Moved Cr A Parsons                      Seconded Cr M Elphick

#### **16.06/26 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 M Elphick	
Cr A Parsons	
Cr D Scott	
Cr A Vosper	

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 A Parsons                      Seconded Cr M Elphick

#### **17.06/26 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 M Elphick	
Cr A Parsons	
Cr D Scott	
Cr A Vosper	

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 M Elphick

#### 18.06/26 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 M Elphick	
Cr A Parsons	
Cr D Scott	
Cr A Vosper	

The division was declared CARRIED by 6 votes to 0.

**CARRIED**

## 11 MATTERS OF AN URGENT NATURE

Nil.

## 12 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

Moved Cr A Parsons                      Seconded Cr C Sparks

#### 19.06/26 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	Lease Financing - Capital Plant Purchases	(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	Nil
Cr C Sparks	
Cr M Elphick	
Cr A Parsons	
Cr D Scott	
Cr A Vosper	

The division was declared carried by 6 votes to 0.

**CARRIED**

The live streaming of the Meeting was paused at 10.29am.

All members of the public left the room at 10.29am..

## **12.1 LEASE FINANCING - CAPITAL PLANT PURCHASES**

**REPORT FROM: Corporate and Community Services**

Moved Cr A Parsons                      Seconded Cr M Davis

### **20.06/26 RESOLUTION**

THAT Council:

1. Approves the financing of the equipment acquisitions for the 1106 Hino Replacement, Quarry Loader Replacement, the 1108 Lorry 8 Replacement and the 5214 Lorry 9 Volvo Replacement for a period of five years for the estimated amount of \$984,592 (subject to final pricing), and
2. Authorises to affix the Common Seal of the Glen Innes Severn Council to execute the National Australia Bank (NAB) Equipment Loans over a five-year term with no residual at the end of the term of the loan.

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

For	Against
Cr M Davis	Cr A Parsons
Cr C Sparks	Cr D Scott
Cr M Elphick	
Cr A Vosper	

The division was declared carried by 4 votes to 2.

**CARRIED**

Moved Cr C Sparks

Seconded Cr M Elphick

## **21.06/26 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 M Elphick	
Cr A Parsons	
Cr D Scott	
Cr A Vosper	

The division was declared carried by 6 votes to 0.

### **CARRIED**

The live streaming of the meeting resumed at 10.34am.

The Mayor read out the Confidential Closed Resolution relating to Item Number 12.1 as listed above.

The Meeting closed at 10.35am.