

***Glen Innes Severn Ordinary Council Meeting***  
***7 MARCH 2024***

# Minutes



# GLEN INNES SEVERN COUNCIL

## EXTRAORDINARY 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, 7 March 2024 at 9:00 AM

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## COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

No community members addressed Council.

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mr Bernard Smith (General Manager), Mr Keith Appleby (Director of Infrastructure Services), Mrs Gayleen Burley (Director of Place and Growth), Ms Fiona Plesman (Director of Corporate and Community Services) and Mrs Debbie Duffell (Executive Assistant (Mayor and General Manager)).

**OPENED: 9.00am.**

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The Deputy 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 Live Streaming of Council Meetings Policy. No other persons are permitted to record the Meeting, unless specifically authorised by Council to do so.

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

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

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

Thank you."

The Deputy Mayor read the following statement of ethical obligations:

"Councillors are reminded that they remain bound by the Oath/Affirmation of Office made at the start of the Council term to undertake their civic duties in the best interests of the people of the Glen Innes Severn Local Government Area and to faithfully and impartially carry out the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in them under the *Local Government Act 1993* or any other Act, to the best of their skill and judgement.

Councillors are also reminded of the requirement for disclosure of conflicts of interest in relation to items listed for consideration on the Agenda or which are considered at this meeting in accordance with the Code of Conduct and Code of Meeting Practice."

## **1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TO COUNTRY**

The Deputy Mayor read the following “Acknowledgement to Country”:

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

## **2 APOLOGIES**

Moved Cr T Alt

Seconded Cr J Parry

### **1.03/24 RESOLUTION**

That the apology received from Cr R Banham be received.

#### **CARRIED**

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

For	Against	Abstained
Cr T Arandale Cr T Alt Cr L Gresham Cr J Parry Cr A Parsons	Nil	Cr C Sparks

The division was declared CARRIED by 5 votes to 0.

Moved Cr A Parsons

Seconded Cr J Parry

### **2.03/24 RESOLUTION**

That Council approves the request from Cr Sparks to attend the meeting by audio-visual link.

#### **CARRIED**

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

For	Against	Abstained
Cr T Arandale Cr T Alt Cr L Gresham Cr J Parry Cr A Parsons	Nil	Cr C Sparks

The division was declared CARRIED by 5 votes to 0.

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

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

### **4 REPORTS TO COUNCIL**

#### **4.1 New England Weeds Authority Security Guarantee**

**REPORT FROM: GENERAL MANAGER'S OFFICE**  
**Author: Bernard Smith - General Manager**

Motion moved by Cr L Gresham      Seconded Cr T Alt

THAT:

1. Council authorises the provision of a guarantee as security for loan funding provided to the New England Weeds Authority.
2. The amount of the guarantee to be provided to the Commonwealth Bank, shall be \$143,486 calculated in proportion to Council's member contributions for the coming financial year, relative to the total member contributions of all four constituent councils: Glen Innes Severn, Armidale Regional, Uralla Shire and Walcha Councils.
3. The Mayor and General Manager are authorised to execute the loan security documents provided by the Commonwealth Bank.

Amendment moved by Cr T Arandale      Seconded Cr L Gresham

#### **3.03/24 RESOLUTION**

THAT:

1. Council authorises the provision of a guarantee as security for loan funding provided to the New England Weeds Authority.
2. The amount of the guarantee to be provided to the Commonwealth Bank, shall be \$143,486 calculated in proportion to Council's member contributions for the coming financial year, relative to the total member contributions of all four constituent councils: Glen Innes Severn, Armidale Regional, Uralla Shire and Walcha Councils.
3. The Mayor and General Manager are authorised to execute the loan security documents provided by the Commonwealth Bank.
4. Should a member council not provide the necessary guarantee, that Council's guarantee be increased by \$29,639.85 subject to the General Manager being satisfied with an amended arrangement which is to be put in place with regard to the Council not providing the guarantee.

**CARRIED**

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

For

Against

Cr T Arandale

Nil

Cr T Alt

Cr L Gresham

Cr J Parry

Cr A Parsons

Cr C Sparks

The division was declared CARRIED by 6 votes to 0.

## **5 CLOSED COUNCIL REPORTS**

There were no closed council reports received.

The Meeting closed at 9.24am.