

**MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY AND ECONOMY COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE  
MUSWELLBROOK SHIRE COUNCIL HELD IN THE SEMINAR ROOMS, MUSWELLBROOK  
LIBRARY, 136 BRIDGE STREET, MUSWELLBROOK ON WEDNESDAY, TUESDAY 11 MARCH  
2025 COMMENCING AT 5.30PM**

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**PRESENT:** Cr D. Douglas (Chair), Cr L. Dunn (Deputy Chair), Cr A. Barry, Cr J. Drayton, Cr D. Marshall and Cr M. Morris.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Cr D. Marshall, Cr R. Mahajan, Cr S. Ward, Cr S. Scholes, Cr G. McNeill (VC), Mr D. Finnigan (General Manager), Ms S. Welchman (Director - Community & Economy), Ms K. Manwarring (Manager - Community Services), Mr K. Hill (Manager - Events & Tourism), Mr M. Lysaught (Director - Property & Building), Mr I. Skaines (Grants & Community Engagement Advisor), Ms K. Hamm (Manager - Governance & Risk) and Ms P. Heusler (Administration Officer).

## **1 Acknowledgement of Country**

The Acknowledgement of Country was read by Cr D. Douglas.

## **2 Apologies**

Nil

## **3 Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Not applicable

## **4 Disclosure of Any Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests**

**Cr S. Ward** - Declared a non-pecuniary interest in Item 6.8 Post Event Report - Denman Wine Food & Film Affair 2024.

**Cr M. Morris** - Declared an insignificant pecuniary interest in Item 6.3 Sponsorship - Cattle Dog Muster. Cr Morris advised the Committee that he was on the original organising committee for the first event, but is no longer involved.

**Cr A. Barry** - Declared a pecuniary interest in Item 6.2 Art Gallery Cafe - Hospitality Training Centre. Cr Barry advised the Committee that she is an employee of AGL.

## **5 Business Arising**

Nil

## **6 Business**

### **6.1 Community & Economy Committee - Terms of Reference**

RESOLVED on the motion of Cr M. Morris and Cr J. Drayton that:

The Community and Economy Committee endorses the Draft Terms of Reference for submission to Council.

In Favour: Cr D. Douglas, Cr L. Dunn, Cr A. Barry, Cr D. Marshall, Cr J. Drayton and Cr M. Morris

Against: Nil



## **6.2 Art Gallery Cafe - Hospitality Training Centre**

### **Disclosure of Interest**

Cr A. Barry declared a pecuniary interest in this item. Cr Barry advised the Committee that she is an employee of AGL.

At 5:35pm Cr Barry left the meeting room and therefore took no part in discussion or voting on this item.

RESOLVED on the motion of Cr J. Drayton and Cr M. Morris that:

That Council approves the General Manager to discuss operating the Gallery Cafe as a hospitality training Centre with AGL, and negotiate the terms of the agreement for Council's consideration.

In Favour: Cr D. Douglas, Cr L. Dunn, Cr D. Marshall, Cr J. Drayton and Cr M. Morris

Against: Nil

At 5:39 pm Cr Barry returned to Council Chambers and resumed her chair at the meeting table.

## **6.3 Sponsorship - Cattle Dog Muster**

RESOLVED on the motion of Cr J. Drayton and Cr M. Morris that:

Council approves the sponsorship of \$7,500 to the Muswellbrook Chamber of Commerce and Industry for the Cattle Dog Muster Bluey and Bingo Live Experience and Meet and Greet subject to both parties entering into and meeting the requirements of Council's Sponsorship Agreement.

In Favour: Cr D. Douglas, Cr L. Dunn, Cr A. Barry, Cr D. Marshall, Cr J. Drayton and Cr M. Morris

Against: Nil

## **6.4 Welcome Experience Update**

RESOLVED on the motion of Cr D. Marshall and Cr L. Dunn that:

The information contained in this report be noted.

In Favour: Cr D. Douglas, Cr L. Dunn, Cr A. Barry, Cr D. Marshall, Cr J. Drayton and Cr M. Morris

Against: Nil



## **6.5 STEM Program Update**

RESOLVED on the motion of Cr J. Drayton and Cr L. Dunn that:

The information contained in this report be noted.

In Favour: Cr D. Douglas, Cr L. Dunn, Cr A. Barry, Cr D. Marshall, Cr J. Drayton and Cr M. Morris

Against: Nil

## **6.6 MELT Quarterly Report**

RESOLVED on the motion of Cr M. Morris and Cr A. Barry that:

The information contained in this report be noted.

In Favour: Cr D. Douglas, Cr L. Dunn, Cr A. Barry, Cr D. Marshall, Cr J. Drayton and Cr M. Morris

Against: Nil

## **6.7 Post Event Report - New Years Eve 2024**

RESOLVED on the motion of Cr M. Morris and Cr J. Drayton that:

The information contained in this report be noted.

In Favour: Cr D. Douglas, Cr L. Dunn, Cr A. Barry, Cr D. Marshall, Cr J. Drayton and Cr M. Morris

Against: Nil

## **6.8 Post Event Report - Denman Wine Food & Film Affair 2024**

RESOLVED on the motion of Cr D. Marshall and Cr J. Drayton that:

Council:

1. Notes the content of this report.
2. Supports the delivery of the Denman Wine, Food and Film Affair, in partnership with the Denman Chamber of Commerce, to be held on 1 November 2025.

In Favour: Cr D. Douglas, Cr L. Dunn, Cr A. Barry, Cr D. Marshall, Cr J. Drayton and Cr M. Morris

Against: Nil



## 6.9 Community Services

RESOLVED on the motion of Cr D. Douglas and Cr A. Barry that:

Cr L. Dunn be Councils representative on the Library Zone Committee.

In Favour: Cr D. Douglas, Cr L. Dunn, Cr A. Barry, Cr D. Marshall, Cr J. Drayton and Cr M. Morris

Against: Nil

RESOLVED on the motion of Cr J. Drayton and Cr M. Morris that:

The information contained in the report be noted.

In Favour: Cr D. Douglas, Cr L. Dunn, Cr A. Barry, Cr D. Marshall, Cr J. Drayton and Cr M. Morris

Against: Nil

## 7 Closed Committee

RESOLVED on the motion of Cr A. Barry and Cr D. Marshall that:

Committee adjourn into Closed Session and members of the press and public be excluded from the meeting of the Closed Session, and access to the correspondence and reports relating to the items considered during the course of the Closed Session be withheld unless declassified by separate resolution. This action is taken in accordance with Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act, 1993 as the items listed come within the provisions outlined in Section 17 below.

In Favour: Cr D. Douglas, Cr L. Dunn, Cr A. Barry, Cr D. Marshall, Cr J. Drayton and Cr M. Morris.

Against: Nil.

### 7.1 Industry Presentations

#### MOTION

Moved by Cr D. Marshall and Cr M. Morris that:

Council supports Council Officers providing presentations on the Community Strategic Plan at the April Chamber breakfast and the 2025/26 Budget at the July Breakfast.

#### FORESHADOWED MOTION

Council does not present at the Chamber Breakfast in April. Council presents a standalone presentation.



### ORIGINAL MOTION

Moved by Cr D. Marshall and Cr M. Morris that:

Council supports Council Officers providing presentations on the Community Strategic Plan at the April Chamber breakfast and the 2025/26 Budget at the July Breakfast.

Motion was put to the vote and LOST

RESOLVED on the motion of Cr J. Drayton and Cr M. Morris that:

Council does not present at the Chamber Breakfast in April. Council presents a standalone presentation.

In Favour: Cr D. Douglas, Cr L. Dunn, Cr A. Barry, Cr D. Marshall, Cr J. Drayton and Cr M. Morris

Against: Nil

### RESUMPTION OF OPEN COMMITTEE

RESOLVED on the motion of Cr M. Morris and Cr D. Marshall that:

The meeting return to Open Committee.

In Favour: Cr D. Douglas, Cr L. Dunn, Cr A. Barry, Cr D. Marshall, Cr J. Drayton and Cr M. Morris.

Against: Nil.

The Chair read out the resolutions from Closed Committee.

## 8 Date of Next Meeting

13, May 2025

## 9 Closure

The meeting closed at 6:28 pm.

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Mr D. Finnigan (General Manager)

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Cr D. Douglas (Chair)