

MINUTES OF THE FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE MUSWELLBROOK SHIRE COUNCIL HELD IN THE SEMINAR ROOMS, MUSWELLBROOK LIBRARY, 126 BRIDGE STREET, MUSWELLBROOK ON THURSDAY 12 JUNE 2025 COMMENCING AT 4.00PM.

PRESENT: Cr R. Scholes (Chair), Cr A. Barry, Cr J. Drayton, Cr L. Dunn, Cr R. Mahajan and Cr M. Morris.

IN ATTENDANCE: Cr G. McNeill, Cr D. Marshall, Mr D. Finnigan (General Manager), Mr J. Hogan (Chief Financial Officer), Mr M. Lysaught (Director - Infrastructure & Property), Ms L. Ward (EA to Mayor & GM) and Mrs M. Sandell-Hay (Governance Officer (VC)).

1 Acknowledgement of Country

The Acknowledgement of Country was read by Cr R. Scholes.

2 Apologies

Nil

3 Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting

RESOLVED on the motion of Cr M. Morris and Cr R. Mahajan that:

The Minutes of the Finance & Governance Advisory Committee Meeting held on **15 May, 2025**, a copy of which has been distributed to all members, be taken as read and confirmed as a true record.

In Favour: Cr R. Scholes, Cr R. Mahajan, Cr A. Barry, Cr J. Drayton, Cr M. Morris and Cr L. Dunn

Against: Nil

4 Disclosure of Any Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

Nil

5 Business Arising

Nil

6 Business

6.1 Monthly Financial Report - May 2025

RESOLVED on the motion of Cr M. Morris and Cr R. Mahajan that:

Council notes the Financial Reports for the month ending 31 May 2025.

In Favour: Cr R. Scholes, Cr R. Mahajan, Cr A. Barry, Cr J. Drayton, Cr M. Morris and Cr L. Dunn

Against: Nil



6.2 Report on Investments held as at 31 May 2025

Cr Marshall arrived at 4.12pm

A report was submitted to the Committee providing an update on financial investments currently held by Council in accordance with the Regulation.

RESOLVED on the motion of Cr M. Morris and Cr R. Mahajan that:

The Finance & Governance Advisory Committee notes Council's Investments as at 31 May 2025.

In Favour: Cr R. Scholes, Cr R. Mahajan, Cr A. Barry, Cr J. Drayton, Cr M. Morris and Cr L. Dunn

Against: Nil

6.3 2025-26 Making of the Rates & Annual Charges

A report was submitted to the Committee providing an update on the making of rates and annual charges for the 2025/26 financial year to raise Council's revenue as outlined in the 2025/26 Budget and Revenue Policy.

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

The Finance Committee NOTES the Making of the Rates & Annual Charges for the 2025/2026 financial year noting that there will be some minor changes prior to them being submitted to Council.

In Favour: Cr R. Scholes, Cr R. Mahajan, Cr A. Barry, Cr J. Drayton, Cr M. Morris and Cr L. Dunn

Against: Nil

6.4 DRAFT MSC Revenue Policy 2025/2026 for Adoption

A report was submitted to the Committee providing an update on the 2025/2026 Revenue Policy.

RESOLVED on the motion of Cr M. Morris and Cr R. Mahajan that:

The Committee RECOMMENDS Council adopts the DRAFT 2025/26 Revenue Policy.

In Favour: Cr R. Scholes, Cr R. Mahajan, Cr A. Barry, Cr J. Drayton, Cr M. Morris and Cr L. Dunn

Against: Nil



6.5 DRAFT MSC Fees & Charges 2025/26 for Adoption

A report was submitted to the Committee providing an update on the DRAFT 2025/2026 Fees and Charges.

RESOLVED on the motion of Cr R. Mahajan and Cr M. Morris that:

The Finance and Governance Advisory Committee recommends Council adopts the draft 2025/2026 Fees and Charges.

In Favour: Cr R. Scholes, Cr R. Mahajan, Cr A. Barry, Cr J. Drayton, Cr M. Morris and Cr L. Dunn

Against: Nil

6.6 DRAFT 2025/2026 Budget Estimates

A report was submitted to the Committee providing and update on the DRAFT 2025/26 Budget.

RESOLVED on the motion of Cr R. Mahajan and Cr M. Morris that:

The Finance and Governance Committee NOTES the DRAFT 2025/26 Budget and recommends to Council for adoption.

In Favour: Cr R. Scholes, Cr R. Mahajan, Cr A. Barry, Cr J. Drayton, Cr M. Morris and Cr L. Dunn

Against: Nil

7 Closed Committee

Nil

8 Date of Next Meeting

10 July, 2025

9 Closure

The meeting was declared closed at 4.40pm.

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Mr D. Finnigan
General Manager

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Cr R. Scholes
Chairperson