



MINUTES

Community Development Committee

held at

Council Administration Centre
Committee Room
180 Mort Street, Lithgow

on

Tuesday 13 September 2022

at 4:00 PM

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1. Present

Councillor Coleman, Councillor Bryce, Councillor Mahoney, Leanne Walding, Gaye MacFarlane and Glenda Anthes.

1.1 Staff Present: Matthew Johnson and Cristina Portilla

2. Apologies

Mayor Maree Statham, Rachael Young and Susan Alexander.

3. Declaration of Interest

Nil

4. Condolence for Queen Elizabeth 11

Councillor Bryce asked the Committee to observe one minute silence for the passing of Queen Elizabeth 11.

5. Previous Minutes 12 July 2022

The Minutes of the 12 July CDC meeting were ratified by the Committee and reported to Council on 22 August 2022.

5.1 Business Arising

- Financial Assistance – **Action:** Council resolved on 22 August 2022 to provide \$21, 408 financial assistance to 12 projects as recommended by the Committee.
- Approach to Transport for a mural to be painted on the rail viaduct at George Coates street. **Action:** *No action to date*
- Repair or replace adjacent to the Queen Elizabeth Park children's playground. **Action:** *Council is submitting a grant application for new fencing and a toilet adjacent to the playground.*
- Missing road signs on Curley Dick Road and Hutchison Road Ben Bullen: **Action:** *Replacement signs are being organised*
- Lithgow Girl Guides Hall requires a Council inspection to identify required building works. **Action:** A request from the Girl Guides for plumbing repair works has been actioned. Council building staff will contact them about any further works required.
- Signage recognising Sophie and John Giokaris be installed on Main Street Lithgow. **Action:** *No action to date.*

Action

THAT

1. The Business arising from the previous minutes be noted.
2. Council staff to discuss the potential rail viaduct mural with Council Tourism staff who are currently working on a mural walk project.

Moved Glenda Anthes
Carried

Seconded Leanne Walding

6. Staff Reports

6.1 Disability Access Inclusion Plan (DIAP)

Summary

The Committee was advised that Council's DIAP 2017-21 has expired and is to be updated in the coming year. The Committee was asked to consider a process and scope for developing a new Plan.

Commentary

The aim of the Disability Inclusion Action Plan is to outline precise strategies and actions to help Council achieve its inclusion goals. This will allow people with disability to have better access to the services, information and facilities offered by Council and others.

Action

THAT Staff provide the Committee with a copy of the current DIAP, including a report card on actions achieved since its adoption, and a draft engagement plan for consultation with individuals and agencies.

Moved Leanne Walding

Seconded Glenda Anthes

Carried

6.2 Musical Event at Blast Furnace

Summary

The Committee discussed a possible musical event at Blast Furnace in 2023.

Commentary

Gaye MacFarlane spoke about a proposal to hold a music event at Blast Furnace in early 2023, to build on the momentum of the 2022 Opera Gala event at the Union Theatre. A number of events are being held at Blast Furnace before Christmas 2022. This could involve an evening performance, busking around Lake Pillans etc. A funding source will be needed.

Staff Comment: Council is hosting the Live and Local program, a capacity building program that delivers professional development workshops, micro music-festivals and a local industry forum. More information is available on Council's website.

Recommendation

THAT Council give in - principle support for a music event at Blast Furnace in February/March 2023 subject to obtaining funding for event costs.

Moved Gaye MacFarlane

Seconded Glenda Anthes

Carried

6.3 Community Recovery and Community Development Officer Reports

Summary

A report from the Community Recovery and Community Development Officers on Recovery and Resilience activities across the Lithgow LGA was tabled for the Committee's consideration.

Commentary

The report from the Community Recovery and Community Development Officers is attached to these minutes.

Action

THAT

The report from the Community Recovery and Community Development Officers be noted.

Moved Gaye MacFarlane

Seconded Leanne Walding

Carried

6.4 Update on Current Projects

Summary

An update was provided on current and planned projects within the Community and Culture Department

Commentary

Staff provided a summary of current projects underway in the Community and Culture Department including:

September School holiday program; activities for children are being held at Council's Libraries and further activities are being held for older age groups. Details are on Council's website.

Lithgow Community Cultural Protocol

Lithgow Community Cultural Protocol is on exhibition until 27 October 2022.

Action

THAT The discussion of current and planned projects within the Community and Culture Department be noted.

Moved Gaye Macfarlane

Seconded Leanne Walding

Carried

7. General Business

7.1 Shade at Blast Furnace.

The lack of shade and BBQ's at the Blast Furnace site was discussed.

Staff Comment: The design parameters for the Blast Furnace Masterplan works were to avoid any structures that would have a intrusive visual impact on the ruins. For this reason picnic shelters weren't installed. There is shade in the grassed picnic area however the possibility of shelters and BBQ's in the picnic area will be considered subject to available funds.

7.2 Condolence Book for Queen Elizabeth11.

The Committee was advised that there is a Condolence Book at Lithgow Library for the public to sign until 6pm on Wednesday 21 September. A media release to this effect has been issued.

7.3 Musical events

The Committee discussed ways of activating spaces around Lithgow with music including busking, music in Cook Street Plaza, inviting performers to use Council rotundas etc.

THAT

The discussion in General Business be noted.

Moved Glenda Anthes

Seconded Gaye MacFarlane

Carried

Meeting Closed 5.08pm

Next Meeting 4:00pm Tuesday 8 November 2022 in the Council Committee Room