



MINUTES

Economic Development Committee

held at

Council Administration Centre
Council Chambers
180 Mort Street, Lithgow

on

Wednesday 2 November 2022

at 6:00 PM

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The Mayor declared the meeting open at 6:00 pm.

1. Acknowledgement of Country

I would like to begin this meeting by acknowledging the Traditional Owners of this land on which we meet today. I would also like to pay respect to Elders both past, present and emerging. The Mayor acknowledged the traditional custodians of this land we are on here today, and paid respect to their elders both past, present and emerging.

The Mayor went on to inform all those in attendance at this meeting, that the meeting is being webcast and that those in attendance should refrain from making any defamatory statements concerning any person, Councillor or employee, and refrain from discussing those matters subject to Closed Council proceedings as indicated in clause 14.1 of the code of meeting practice.

2. Present

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Her Worship the Mayor Councillor M Statham
Councillor A Bryce
Councillor D Goodwin
Councillor S Lesslie
Councillor S McGhie
Councillor E Mahony
Councillor C O' Connor

Also in attendance
Craig Butler, General Manager
Jonathon Edgecombe, Director Infrastructure Services
Matthew Johnson, Acting Director People and Services
Simon Francis, Tourism Manager
Trinity Newton, Minutes Secretary
Sarah Lewis, Minutes Assistant

3. Apologies

An apology was received and leave of absence granted to Councillor D Goodsell who is unable to attend due to work commitments / personal business.

Procedural Motion

That a leave of absence be granted to Councillor D Goodsell.

MOVED: Councillor A Bryce

SECONDED: Councillor D Goodwin

CARRIED

Also, see later in these Minutes for an Apology from Councillor Coleman.

4. Declaration of Interest

There were Nil declarations of interest.

5. Staff Reports

5.1. Activation of the Seven Valleys Tourism Brand

Recommendation/Action

THAT the report on 'The Seven Valleys' brand activation be received and discussed.

MOVED: Councillor A Bryce

SECONDED: Councillor D Goodwin

CARRIED

5.2. Lithgow Emerging Economy Project

Recommendation / Action

THAT the Economic Development Committee receive the update on the Lithgow Emerging Economy Plan.

MOVED: Councillor A Bryce

SECONDED: Councillor E Mahony

CARRIED

5.3. Review of the Lithgow Regional Economic Development Strategy

Recommendation / Action

THAT Council receive this update on the developing findings from a review of the Regional Economic Development Strategy.

MOVED: Councillor A Bryce

SECONDED: Councillor C O'Connor

CARRIED

An apology and request for leave of absence from Councillor Coleman, which had been received by the General Manager prior to the meeting, was read out.

Procedural Motion

That a leave of absence be granted to Councillor C Coleman.

MOVED: Councillor A Bryce

SECONDED: Councillor S McGhie

CARRIED

5.4. Development of an investment prospectus for Lithgow

Recommendation / Action

THAT Council receive and discuss the update regarding an Investment Prospectus for Lithgow.

MOVED: Councillor A Bryce

SECONDED: Councillor E Mahony

CARRIED

6. General Business

6.1. General Business

The Committee were given verbal updates on the following matters:

- Royalties for Rejuvenation – engagement and process.
- Main Street retailing – increased focus and participation.
- Events – active in this space: Halloween, Caravan Muster, Ironfest.
- Main Street Revitalisation – detailed design, phasing, consultation and quality outcomes.\

Councillor Lesslie enquired if the Council's administration were negotiating for a return of the Lithgow Ridgy-Didge Trail Run Festival in March 2023. An undertaking was given that a response would be forwarded on this topic.

There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 7:39 pm.