



MINUTES

Extra Ordinary Meeting of Council

held at

Council Administration Centre

180 Mort Street, Lithgow

on

Monday 1 August 2022

at 7:00 PM

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The Mayor declared the meeting open at 7pm.

1. Acknowledgement of Country

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 C Coleman
Councillor D Goodsell
Councillor D Goodwin
Councillor S Lesslie
Councillor S McGhie
Councillor E Mahony
Councillor C O' Connor

Also in attendance
Craig Butler, General Manager
Michael McGrath, Director People and Services

3. Apologies

All being present there were no apologies.

4. Declaration of Interest

The Mayor called for any declarations of interest.

There were Nil declarations of interest.

5. Public Forum

At 7:04pm members of the public gallery were invited to participate in the Public Forum Session.

Mr R White made a statement in relation to Item 7.1 on the business paper.

The Mayor thanked Mr White for his statement.

Mr H Herron made a statement in relation to Item 7.1 on the business paper.

The Mayor thanked Mr Herron for his statement.

Mr R Smith made a statement in relation to Item 7.1 on the business paper.

The Mayor thanked Mr Smith for his statement.

Ms A Pearson on behalf of EnergyAustralia made a statement in relation to Item 7.1 on the business paper.

The Mayor thanked Ms Pearson for her statement.

Mr D Thompson made a statement in relation to Item 7.1 on the business paper.

The Mayor thanked Mr Thompson for his statement.

Mr Ben Lane made a statement in relation to Item 7.1 on the business paper.

The Mayor thanked Mr Lane for his statement.

Mr S Hillen on behalf of EnergyAustralia made a statement in relation to Item 7.1 on the business paper.

The Mayor thanked Mr Hillen for his statement.

6. Mayoral Minutes

There was no Mayoral Minute tabled.

7. Notices of Rescission

7.1. Notice of Rescission - 01/08/2022 - DA070/22 - Geotechnical Investigation Works, Lake Lyell

Submitted By: Councillor S Lesslie, Councillor E Mahony and Councillor C Coleman

Ahead of debate on this matter proceeding the Mayor clarified that the Council was not taking any position in this meeting on a potential future application for a pumped hydro scheme.

Councillor S Lesslie called a Point of Order on the Mayor because the matters raised in her comments were not on the Business Paper. The Mayor overruled the Point of Order.

Councillor A Bryce called a Point of Order on Councillor S Lesslie as he had nominated the incorrect councillors as advancing the request for an Extraordinary Meeting. Ahead of the Point of Order being dealt with Councillor S Lesslie corrected the names of the councillors so as to be accurate.

Mayor Statham requested Councillor S Lesslie to refrain from discussing matters not on the Business Paper.

Councillor A Bryce called a Point of Order on Councillor S Lesslie and asked him to show respect to councillors. The Mayor called Councillor S Lesslie to order, requesting that he refrain.

The Mayor repeated the request that Councillor S Lesslie refrain from comments that are unrelated to the subject matter.

Councillor A Bryce called a Point of Order on Councillor S Lesslie asking for respect to councillors during these proceedings. The Mayor again called Councillor Lesslie to order and cautioned him about this behaviour.

Mayor Statham called Councillor S Lesslie to order and requested the debate be limited to the matter on the business paper.

MOTION

THAT the resolution 22-135 in relation to ITEM 10.1.1.2 DA070/22 - Geotechnical Investigation Works, Lake Lyell of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held 25 July 2022 be rescinded.

MOVED: Councillor S Lesslie

SECONDED: Councillor C Coleman

LOST

Councillor S Lesslie called for a division.

A **DIVISION** was called in accordance with the requirements of Section 735A (3) of the Local Government Act, 1993.

Divisions

FOR: Councillor C Coleman, Councillor D Goodsell, Councillor S Lesslie and Councillor E Mahony

AGAINST: Councillor M Statham, Councillor A Bryce, Councillor D Goodwin, Councillor S McGhie and Councillor C O'Connor

8. Business of Great Urgency

The Mayor asked if there were any matters to be considered as matters of great urgency.

The Mayor raised the matter of Councillor S Lesslie purposely using the microphone and camera to broadcast a prepared message to the public via the webcasting of the Meeting.

Councillor D Goodsell raised a Point of Order to make the point that all councillors have a right to have use of the camera when they speak. The Mayor overruled the Point of Order.

Councillor D Goodsell moved to dissent from the Mayor's ruling on her Point of Order, stating that councillors are entitled to have the camera on them when they speak. The Mayor ruled on this matter by agreeing with Councillor D Goodsell's comment.

Councillor S Lesslie apologised for his actions at the Council Meeting, stating it was unacceptable and it will not happen again.

There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 8:04 pm.