



Minutes

Women Advisory Committee

held

Tuesday 02/08/2022

at 4:00 PM

ORDER OF BUSINESS

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1. Present

Mayor Maree Statham, Cr. Cassandra Coleman, Sandrine Stepien, Tenille Evans, Leanne Walding, Reidun Berntsen, Emily Seliscar, Glenda Anthes and Karina Dodd.

2. Apologies

Susan Alexander, Kellie Evans and Jessica Ann Leffley

3. Acknowledgement of Country

The Mayor began the meeting by acknowledging the Traditional Owners of this land on which we meet today and paid respect to Elders both past, present, and emerging.

4. Confirmation of Minutes

NA

5. Declaration of Interest

Nil

6. Presentations

Nil

7. Agenda Items

7.1 Member Introductions

As this was the first meeting of the Committee, Committee members introduced themselves. The Committee is comprised of a diverse group of Lithgow women, some of them associated with the health professions and others businesswomen who are interested in working for the betterment of Lithgow women.

7.2 Terms of Reference

The Committee read and noted that principal responsibilities of the Committee are:

1. To provide advice to Council on important women's issues across all areas of our community which include but are not limited to issues such as employment, education, leadership and participation, health, safety, and drought.
2. To provide advice to Council on barriers to women's participation, emerging women's issues, aspirations, and initiatives to further progress equity in local communities.
3. To promote and celebrate successes, milestones, and participation of women.

Unless expressly resolved by Council, the Committee has no powers to commit nor expend any Council funds.

The Committee appointed Mayor Maree Statham as Chair of the Committee and Leanne Walding as Deputy Chair.

7.3 General Business

- The group reviewed the UN Declaration of Women's Right to assist them to homogenise their language when referring to Women Rights as Human Rights and to be able to support the fact that society gets better for everyone when women's rights are upheld and taken seriously.
- LINC's Safe Haven Project has had great success and they would like to receive more funding from Council to keep doing the great job.
- Discussion of International Women's Day 2023 Event

This will be a ticketed event, with the ticket price dependent on event costs any funding. The Community Development officer will seek catering quotes from local businesses and will request that a budget to be allocated for IWD 2023

8. Meeting Close

Mayor Maree Statham closed the meeting at 5pm