



MINUTES

Ordinary Meeting of Council

held at

Council Administration Centre

180 Mort Street, Lithgow

on

Monday 26 June 2023

at 7:00 PM

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The Mayor declared the meeting open at 7:00 pm.

1. Acknowledgement of Country

The Mayor acknowledged Wiradjuri Elders past and present of the Wiradjuri nation - the original custodians of the land on which the Lithgow's communities reside and extended respect to our neighbouring nations.

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.

The Mayor congratulated Councillor Steve Ring on his return to Lithgow City Council. The Mayor informed the Council and Public gallery that Councillor S Ring took the affirmation on Friday 23 June 2023 with the General Manager as a witness.

2. Present

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

Also in attendance
Craig Butler, General Manager
Ross Gurney, Chief Financial and Information Officer
Jonathon Edgecombe, Director Infrastructure Services
Matthew Trapp, Executive Manager Water and Wastewater
Trinity Newton, Minutes Secretary

3. Apologies

All Councillors 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. Confirmation of Minutes

23 -105 RESOLVED

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on the 22 May 2023 were taken as read and confirmed.

MOVED: Councillor A Bryce

SECONDED: Councillor D Goodwin

CARRIED

Councillor S Ring abstained from voting as he was not a Councillor at the previous meeting of Council.

6. Commemorations and Announcements

On behalf of Lithgow City Council the Mayor expressed sincere sympathy and condolences to families who have lost loved ones since the last council meeting.

Councillor S Ring acknowledged the success of Black Gold Cabin, in the Central West Business Awards as winner in the large Employer category.

Councillor S Ring acknowledged all of the winners of the Black Rose Excellence in Business Awards in the west.

Councillor Mahony acknowledged the Lithgow City Council Staff for their problem solving and going above and beyond the call of duty on the weekend at a large local football event.

Councillor Coleman acknowledged the Lithgow City Council Library Staff with their effort for the events on Friday evening and then again on Saturday morning.

Councillor Lesslie called a point of order stating there can be no debate on a procedural motion.

The Mayor upheld the Point of Order and PUT the procedural motion.

PROCEDURAL MOTION

THAT Items 10.5.2, 10.5.3 and 10.5.1 is moved to be dealt with immediately after Public Forum, in this order.

MOVED: Councillor S Ring

SECONDED: Councillor E Mahony

CARRIED

7. Public Forum

At 7:11 pm members of the public gallery were invited to participate in the Public Forum Session.

Mr Tom Evangaledis made a statement in relation to Item 10.5.3 on the business paper.

PROCEDURAL MOTION

THAT an extension of time be granted to Mr Evangaledis.

MOVED: Councillor C Coleman

SECONDED: Councillor S Ring

CARRIED

Councillor S Ring called a Point of Order stating that Mr Evangaledis was verging on an attack of the General Manager.

The Mayor upheld the Point of Order.

Councillor A Bryce called a Point of Order expressing concern about statements that Mr Evangaledis made.

The Mayor upheld the Point of Order.

The Mayor thanked Mr Evangaledis for his statement.

Mr Christopher Barnett made a statement in relation to Item 10.5.3 on the business paper.

PROCEDURAL MOTION

THAT an extension of time be granted to Mr Barnett.

MOVED: Councillor C Coleman

SECONDED: Councillor S Ring

CARRIED

The Mayor thanked Mr Barnett for his statement.

Miss Emily Pearce made a statement in relation to Item 9.1 on the business paper.

The Mayor thanked Miss Pearce for her statement.

Mr Jeffrey Langlands made a statement in relation to Item 10.5.3 on the business paper.

The Mayor thanked Mr Langlands for his statement.

Items 10.5.2, 10.5.3 and 10.5.1 were dealt with at this point in the meeting due to an earlier procedural motion.

10.5.2. LATE REPORT - FIN - 26/06/2023 - Delivery Program 2022-2026 and Operational Plan 2023-2024

MOTION

THAT:

1. Council approve a Special Rate Variation of 35.7 per cent and reduce the rates imposed on the Residential Sector and modify the following documents accordingly:
 - Combined 2022/23 - 2025/26 Delivery Program and Draft 2023/24 Operational Plan; and;
 - The draft 2023/24 operational budget and Capital Works Program with the SRV Program included.
2. Council note that the Operational Plan 2023-2024 will have the SRV Program projects and changes to the Capital Works Plan updated prior to the Operational Plan being uploaded to the website.
3. Council Approve the changes to the 2023/24 operating budget and capital works program.
4. Council respond to the submission received, providing a copy of the Council report.
5. Council note that the 2023/24 budget includes \$3.7M of savings and additional income strategies, to be implemented as part of the 5 Pillars for Financial Sustainability.
6. The administration prepare a report outlining the requirements and opportunities for rate harmonisation within three months.

MOVED: Councillor S Ring

SECONDED: Councillor C Coleman

Councillor Goodwin foreshadowed a Motion.

Councillor S McGhie called a Point of Order on Councillor S Ring regarding comments he had made about IPART's processes.

The Mayor upheld the Point of Order.

Councillor Ring called a Motion of Dissent believing that he was correct in his opinion.

Councillor S Ring continued on with his address without further discussion on the motion of dissent.

Councillor C Coleman called a Point of Order on Councillor S Ring regarding comments made towards the Mayor.

Councillor S Ring withdrew the statement and apologised for his comment.

The Mayor upheld the Point of Order.

Councillor C Coleman Called a Point of Order on the Mayor stating that her comments were uncalled for and called for some decorum.

There was no ruling on the Point of Order.

Councillor A Bryce left the meeting at 7:40 pm.
Councillor A Bryce returned to the meeting at 7:40 pm.

Councillor S Ring called a Point of Order on Councillor S Lesslie stating the Councillor Lesslie's comments are not relevant to the debate.

The Mayor overruled the Point of Order.

Councillor S Ring moved a Motion of Dissent stating that he had the right to voice an opinion even if he was not a Councillor when the original debate occurred on the special rate variation.

Motion of Dissent

The Mayor put the Motion of Dissent

MOVED: Councillor S Ring

LOST

FOR: Councillor M Statham, Councillor A Bryce, Councillor D Goodwin, Councillor S McGhie, Councillor E Mahony and Councillor C O'Connor, Councillor C Coleman and Councillor S Lesslie

AGAINST: Councillor S Ring

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MOVED: Councillor S Ring

SECONDED: Councillor C Coleman

LOST

Foreshadowed Motion

THAT Council:

1. Note that, in response to a community submission, the 2023/24 Operational Plan will be updated to include **NE2.4.1- We will implement weed management strategies across our local government area.**
 - a. Council work in partnership with Upper Macquarie County Council (UMCC) to:
 - i. Undertake a Gap Analysis to understand the scale of the problem across the Lithgow LGA.
 - ii. Communicate relevant changes to the roadside spraying program with the broader Lithgow community.
 - b. A prioritised program be developed to address the backlog of Roadside Weed Management across the Lithgow LGA.

- c. A three-year rotation program across the LGA be developed and identified in the Delivery Program.
 - d. Standard Working Procedure/s be developed/reviewed in accordance with Biosecurity obligations to ensure Machinery Hygiene, slashing and spraying protocols. (pp114-115)
 - e. **NE2.4.1 – Weed Management Program** – Membership – Upper Macquarie County Council - \$224,651 (p149).
2. Adopt the 2023/24 Draft Operational Plan, including the full Special Rate Variation approved by IPART, consisting of the following documents:
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 5. Respond to the submission received, providing a copy of the Council report.
 6. Note that the 2023/24 budget includes \$3.7M of savings and additional income strategies, to be implemented as part of the 5 Pillars for Financial Sustainability. Also, that there will be ongoing consideration of rates harmonisation opportunities.

MOVED: Councillor D Goodwin

SECONDED: Councillor S McGhie

AMENDMENT

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5. Respond to the submission received, providing a copy of the Council report.
6. A report be brought back in relation to rates harmonisation opportunities.

7. All the extra monies received from the residential farming be used for road repairs, footpath and drains maintenance.

MOVED: Councillor C Coleman

Councillor Coleman withdrew the Amendment.

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MOVED: Councillor S Lesslie

Councillor S Lesslie withdrew his Amendment.

23 -106 RESOLVED

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MOVED: Councillor D Goodwin

SECONDED: Councillor S McGhie

CARRIED

A **DIVISION** was called by Councillor M Statham

Divisions

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

AGAINST: Councillor C Coleman, Councillor S Lesslie and Councillor S Ring

10.5.3. FIN - 26/06/2023 - Making of Rates & Annual Charges for 2023/24

Councillor A Bryce left the meeting at 8:36 pm.

Councillor A Bryce returned to the meeting at 8:38 pm.

MOTION

THAT:

1. Council Adopt the maximum rate of interest payable on overdue rates and charges for the period 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024 (inclusive) as 9.0% per annum.
2. The Special Parking Rate levy identified in the Fees and Charges for Lithgow CBD be withdrawn effective 1 July 2023.

3. Fees for footpath trading permits as outlined on page 31 of the Fees and Charges documents are suspended for two years.
4. Council Adopt the following Integrated Planning and Reporting (IPR) documents:
 - a) Fees & Charges 2023/24,
 - b) Revenue Policy 2023/24, and
 - c) Rating Maps 2023/24
5. Council declares a category and sub-category of ordinary rate for each proposed category and sub-category set out in columns 2 and 3 of the Rates Categorisation Table in this Report on the corresponding basis set out in column 4 of the Table.
6. Council make the following Rates and Annual charges for the 2023/24 rating year as detailed in the 2023/24 Revenue Policy and as listed in the tables below:

Rates & Charges

Residential				
Category/Sub-Category	Estimated Number of properties	Base Amount (\$)	Ad Valorem Amount (c in the \$)	Estimated Yield
Residential/Lithgow	5562.26	300.00	0.48340	6,831,319.80
Residential/Portland	929.91	300.00	0.31541	708,342.12
Residential/Wallerawang	832.69	300.00	0.27042	743,620.06
Residential/Other	2445.87	300.00	0.23487	2,957,097.73
Farmland				
Farmland	1268.00	567.45	0.17269	2,860,023.73
Business				
Business/Lithgow	293.74	600.00	2.14426	2,422,964.72
Business/Portland	40.09	600.00	0.92872	87,237.89
Business/Wallerawang	41.31	600.00	1.40545	169,057.45
Business/Other	118.13	380.00	0.24565	167,425.99
Business/Power Generation and Storage - Portland	1.00	13,034.55	12.85676	337,024.90
Quarry - Clarence	1.00	15,000.00	2.08614	91,769.95
Quarry - Newnes Junction	1.00	15,000.00	2.08614	36,487.24
Quarry - Wallerawang	1.00	15,000.00	2.08614	64,650.13
Quarry - Marrangaroo	1.00	15,000.00	2.08614	56,117.82
Quarry - Hartley	1.00	15,000.00	2.08614	181,265.36
Quarry - Round Swamp	1.00	15,000.00	2.08614	24,596.24
Quarry - Clarence - Lithgow	1.00	15,000.00	2.08614	19,693.82
Mining				
Mining	13.00	15,002.60	2.20536	4,303,919.41
Total Estimated Yield	11,553.00			22,062,614.35

Parking Special Rate Income		
	Ad Valorem Amount (\$)	Estimated Yield (\$ GST Exclusive)
Designated area of Lithgow	0.63434	267,763.79

Waste Charges

Waste Charges		
Type of Service	Charge (\$ (GST ex))	Estimated Yield (\$) (GST ex)
Residential	519	4,548,516
Business	519	323,337

Non-Rateable	519	66,432
Waste Disposal Urban (GST applies)	243.57	114,721.47
Waste Disposal Rural (GST applies)	198	467,874
Additional Waste and Recycling	519	4,671
Additional Waste	260	3,120
Additional Recycling	88.50	14,425.50
Additional Green Waste	130	-
Additional Business Waste	260	-
Total Estimated Yield		5,542.796.97

Water Charges

Water Charges - Rateable		
Annual Access Charge		
Type	Charge (\$)	Estimated Yield (\$)
20mm Connection	408	3,333,768
25mm Connection	458	47,174
32mm Connection	687	9,618
40mm Connection	1,155	34,650
50mm Connection	1,550	91,450
80mm Connection	2,970	2,970
100mm Connection	4,250	51,000
Unpotable Water	220	4,400
Vacant Land	408	9,792
Total Estimated Yield		3,548,918

Water Charges Non-Rateable		
Annual Access Charge		
Type	Charge (\$)	Estimated Yield (\$)
20mm Connection	408	23,664
25mm Connection	458	5,038
32mm Connection	687	-
40mm Connection	1,155	10,395
50mm Connection	1,550	41,850
80mm Connection	2,970	2,970
100mm Connection	4,250	42,500
Total Estimated Yield		126.417
Water Usage Charges - Residential		
Kilolitres Used	Charge (\$)	
0 – 250 Residential	3.06 / kl	
250+ Residential	5.40/ kl	
Water Usage Charges – Business		

Kilolitres Used	Charge (\$)
0 – 500 Business	3.06 / kl
500+ Business	5.40 / kl

Sewerage/Wastewater Charges

Sewerage Charges Rateable Properties		
Annual Sewerage Access Charge		
Type	Charge (\$)	Estimated Yield (\$)
Residential	1,005	7,408,860
Non-Residential 20mm	558	156,798
Non-Residential 25mm	558	18,414
Non-Residential 32mm	613	6,130
Non-Residential 40mm	667	10,672
Non-Residential 50mm	745	35,760
Non-Residential 80mm	882	0
Non-Residential 100mm	876	6,132
Total Estimated Yield		7,642,766
Sewerage Usage Charges		
Type	Charge (\$)	
Business (most commonly 95% of water usage)	2.45	

Sewerage Charges Non-Rateable Properties		
Annual Sewerage Access Charge		
Type	Charge (\$)	Estimated Yield (\$)
Non-Rateable 20mm	520	27,560
Non-Rateable 25mm	520	2,600
Non-Rateable 32mm	571	0
Non-Rateable 40mm	622	6,220
Non-Rateable 50mm	745	16,390
Non-Rateable 80mm	822	822
Non-Rateable 100mm	876	7,008
Total Estimated Yield		60,600
Sewerage Usage Charges		
Type	Charge (\$)	
Non-Residential (most commonly 95% of water usage)	2.45	

Trade Waste Charges

Sewerage Trade Waste Charges		
Trade Waste Charge		
Fee description	Charge (\$)	Category
Application Fee – category A / A2	49.48	Low risk - Includes commercial premises not preparing hot food
Application Fee – category B	74.50	Medium risk - Includes commercial premises preparing hot food
Application Fee – category C	152.33	High risk – less complex pre-treatment
Annual Charge – category A / A2	169.50	Low risk - Includes commercial premises not preparing hot food
Annual Charge – category B	251.85	Medium risk - Includes commercial premises preparing hot food
Annual Charge – category C	462.58	High risk – less complex pre-treatment
Discharge Fee – category A	2.10	Discharger with approved pre-treatment
Discharge Fee – category A	10.00	Discharger without approved pre-treatment
Discharge Fee – category B	2.10	Discharger with approved pre-treatment
Discharge Fee – category B	22.00	Discharger without approved pre-treatment
Discharge Fee – category C	2.10	Discharger with approved pre-treatment
Discharge Fee – category C	22.00	Discharger without approved pre-treatment
Total Estimated Yield		\$80,000

Septic Tank/AWTS Charges

Septic Tank Charges		
Type	Charge (\$)	Estimated Yield (\$)
High Risk Systems	114.50	39,388.00
Medium Risk Systems	76.50	55,615.50
Low Risk Systems	51.50	63,293.50
Initial AWTS Administration Fee (1 st two years)	114.50	801.50
AWTS Annual Administration Fee	51.50	27,913.00
Commercial AWTS Administration Fee	346.00	11,764.00
Total Estimated Yield		198,775.50

Stormwater Charges

Stormwater Charges

Type	Charge (\$)	Estimated Yield (\$)
Residential	25.00	158,000
Strata Unit (Residential)	12.50	2,137.50
Business	25.00 per 350sq metres (\$1,500 Cap)	87,125.00
Total Estimated Yield		247,262.50

MOVED: Councillor S Ring

SECONDED: Councillor E Mahony

Councillor D Goodwin foreshadowed a Motion.

Councillor E Mahony called a Point of Order on Councillor McGhie stating this was not in relation to a popularity contest.

Councillor S McGhie withdrew the comment.

The Mayor asked Councillor E Mahony to speak through the Chair.

AMENDMENT

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Farmland	1268.00	567.45	0.17269	2,860,023.73
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Business/Portland	40.09	600.00	0.92872	87,237.89
Business/Wallerawang	41.31	600.00	1.40545	169,057.45
Business/Other	118.13	380.00	0.24565	167,425.99
Business/Power Generation and Storage - Portland	1.00	13,034.55	12.85676	337,024.90
Quarry - Clarence	1.00	15,000.00	2.08614	91,769.95
Quarry - Newnes Junction	1.00	15,000.00	2.08614	36,487.24
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Quarry - Marrangaroo	1.00	15,000.00	2.08614	56,117.82
Quarry - Hartley	1.00	15,000.00	2.08614	181,265.36
Quarry - Round Swamp	1.00	15,000.00	2.08614	24,596.24
Quarry - Clarence - Lithgow	1.00	15,000.00	2.08614	19,693.82
Mining				
Mining	13.00	15,002.60	2.20536	4,303,919.41
Total Estimated Yield	11,553.00			22,062,614.35

Parking Special Rate Income		
	Ad Valorem Amount (\$)	Estimated Yield (\$ GST Exclusive)
Designated area of Lithgow	0.63434	267,763.79

Waste Charges

Waste Charges		
Type of Service	Charge (\$) (GST ex)	Estimated Yield (\$) (GST ex)
Residential	519	4,548,516
Business	519	323,337
Non-Rateable	519	66,432
Waste Disposal Urban (GST applies)	243.57	114,721.47
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Additional Waste and Recycling	519	4,671
Additional Waste	260	3,120
Additional Recycling	88.50	14,425.50
Additional Green Waste	130	-
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Total Estimated Yield		5,542,796.97

Water Charges

Water Charges - Rateable		
Annual Access Charge		
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20mm Connection	408	3,333,768
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40mm Connection	1,155	34,650
50mm Connection	1,550	91,450
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100mm Connection	4,250	51,000
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Vacant Land	408	9,792
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Water Charges Non-Rateable		
Annual Access Charge		
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20mm Connection	408	23,664
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32mm Connection	687	-
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50mm Connection	1,550	41,850
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100mm Connection	4,250	42,500
Total Estimated Yield		126,417

Water Usage Charges - Residential	
Kilolitres Used	Charge (\$)
0 – 250 Residential	3.06 / kl
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Water Usage Charges – Business	
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Sewerage/Wastewater Charges

Sewerage Charges Rateable Properties		
Annual Sewerage Access Charge		
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Non-Residential 20mm	558	156,798
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Trade Waste Charges

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Fee description	Charge (\$)	Category
Application Fee – category A / A2	49.48	Low risk - Includes commercial premises not preparing hot food
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Application Fee – category C	152.33	High risk – less complex pre-treatment
Annual Charge – category A / A2	169.50	Low risk - Includes commercial premises not preparing hot food
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Strata Unit (Residential)	12.50	2,137.50
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MOVED: Councillor S Lesslie

SECONDED: Councillor A Bryce

The Amendment was PUT.

CARRIED

A **DIVISION** was called by Councillor S Ring

Divisions

FOR: Councillor M Statham, Councillor A Bryce, Councillor D Goodwin, Councillor S Lesslie and Councillor C O'Connor

AGAINST: Councillor C Coleman, Councillor S McGhie, Councillor E Mahony and Councillor S Ring

The AMENDMENT became the MOTION.

The MOTION was PUT.

23 -107 RESOLVED

THAT

4. Council Adopt the maximum rate of interest payable on overdue rates and charges for the period 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024 (inclusive) as 9.0% per annum.
5. Fees for footpath trading permits as outlined on page 31 of the Fees and Charges documents are suspended for two years.
6. Council Adopt the following Integrated Planning and Reporting (IPR) documents:
 - a) Fees & Charges 2023/24,
 - b) Revenue Policy 2023/24, and
 - c) Rating Maps 2023/24
5. Council declares a category and sub-category of ordinary rate for each proposed category and sub- category set out in columns 2 and 3 of the Rates Categorisation Table in this Report on the corresponding basis set out in column 4 of the Table.
6. Council make the following Rates and Annual charges for the 2023/24 rating year as detailed in the 2023/24 Revenue Policy and as listed in the tables below:

Rates & Charges

Residential				
Category/Sub-Category	Estimated Number of properties	Base Amount (\$)	Ad Valorem Amount (c in the \$)	Estimated Yield
Residential/Lithgow	5562.26	300.00	0.48340	6,831,319.80
Residential/Portland	929.91	300.00	0.31541	708,342.12
Residential/Wallerawang	832.69	300.00	0.27042	743,620.06
Residential/Other	2445.87	300.00	0.23487	2,957,097.73
Farmland				
Farmland	1268.00	567.45	0.17269	2,860,023.73
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CARRIED

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AGAINST: Nil

10.5.1. FIN - 26/06/2023 - Local Government Remuneration Tribunal Determination 2023

23 -108 RESOLVED

THAT Council:

1. Set the remuneration in 2023/24 for Councillors \$11,914.
2. Set the remuneration in 2023/24 for the Mayor \$25,230.
3. Set the 2023/24 car lease payable by the Mayor Nil.

MOVED: Councillor S Lesslie

SECONDED: Councillor D Goodwin

CARRIED

A **DIVISION** was called by Councillor S Ring

Divisions

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

AGAINST: Councillor E Mahony and Councillor S Ring

8. Mayoral Minutes

There were no Mayoral minutes tabled at this meeting.

9. Notices of Motion

9.1. NOTICE OF MOTION - 27/06/2023 - Cr S McGhie - Renaming of Inch Street Lane

23 -109 RESOLVED

THAT:

1. The lane in question to be named Pearce Lane would be appropriate as it was alongside this laneway that the operations have run for over sixty
 2. The proposed road be placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days and then later return to Council.
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MOVED: Councillor S McGhie

SECONDED: Councillor C Coleman

CARRIED

9.2. NOTICE OF MOTION - 26/06/2023 - Cr E Mahony - Great Western Highway Management

23 -110 RESOLVED

THAT a report be provided outlining:

1. Any road maintenance contracts existing between Transport for NSW and Lithgow City Council, proposed improvements in regards to landscaping and footpaths and intersection management in the short and medium term.
2. The cost of maintaining the medium strip on the highway from the 100km speed zone to the west rail bridge headed west out of Lithgow.

MOVED: Councillor E Mahony

SECONDED: Councillor C Coleman

CARRIED

9.3. Decision by the General Manager not to include an item of business within this Business Paper

MOTION

THAT the Council note the General Manager's decision to exclude a notice of motion for business to be considered at this meeting because implementation of the business would be unlawful.

MOVED: Councillor A Bryce

SECONDED: Councillor D Goodwin

AMENDMENT

THAT the Council note the General Manager's decision to exclude a notice of motion for business to be considered at this meeting because the General Manager believes the implementation of the business would be unlawful.

MOVED: Councillor S Lesslie

SECONDED: Councillor S Ring

CARRIED

The AMENDMENT was PUT and became the MOTION.

23 -111 RESOLVED

THAT the Council note the General Manager's decision to exclude a notice of motion for business to be considered at this meeting because the General Manager believes the implementation of the business would be unlawful.

MOVED: Councillor S Lesslie

SECONDED: Councillor S Ring

CARRIED

10. Staff Reports

10.1. General Manager's Reports

10.1.1. GM - 26/6/2023 - Oath or Affirmation of by Councillor

As Councillor S Ring made the affirmation in front of witnesses on Friday 23 June 2023, this item was withdrawn from the order of business.

10.1.2. LATE REPORT - GM - 26/06/2023 - National General Assembly of the Australian Local Government Association 2023

23 -112 RESOLVED

THAT the report relating to the recent attendance by the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and General Manager at the ALGA National General Assembly and the Australian Council of Local Government be received.

MOVED: Councillor C Coleman

SECONDED: Councillor A Bryce

CARRIED

10.2. People and Places Reports

Nil Reports

10.3. Infrastructure and Economy Reports

Nil Reports

10.4. Water, Wastewater and Waste Reports

Nil Reports

10.5. Finance, Assets and Legal Reports

10.5.1. FIN - 26/06/2023 - Local Government Remuneration Tribunal Determination 2023

This item was dealt with earlier in the meeting.

10.5.2. LATE REPORT - FIN - 26/06/2023 - Delivery Program 2022-2026 and Operational Plan 2023-2024

This item was dealt with earlier in the meeting.

10.5.3. FIN - 26/06/2023 - Making of Rates & Annual Charges for 2023/24

This item was dealt with earlier in the meeting.

10.6. Policies and Governance

10.6.1. GM - 26/06/2023 - Councillor Delegates for vacant positions on Committees

Nominations: Councillor S Ring and Councillor S Lesslie were nominated for the Finance Committee.

Nominations: Councillor E Mahony and Councillor S Ring were nominated for the Operations Committee.

23 -113 RESOLVED

THAT the Terms of Reference be adjusted to accommodate one extra delegated councillor to both the Finance Committee and the Operations Committee.

MOVED: Councillor S Ring

SECONDED: Councillor E Mahony

CARRIED

23 -114 RESOLVED

THAT Council accept the nominations:

1. Councillor S Ring and Councillor S Lesslie as delegate for the Finance Committee and
2. Councillor S Ring and Councillor E Mahony as delegate for the Operations Committee.

MOVED: Councillor C Coleman

SECONDED: Councillor D Goodwin

CARRIED

10.6.2. WWW - 26/06/2023 - Policy 8.1 Excessive Water Usage Allowance for Breakages

23 -115 RESOLVED

THAT Council Adopt the revised policy 8.1 Excessive Water Usage Allowance for Breakages as exhibited.

MOVED: Councillor E Mahony

SECONDED: Councillor A Bryce

CARRIED

11. Council Committee Reports

11.1. IS - 26/06/2023 - Sports Advisory Committee Meeting - 14th June 2023

23 -116 RESOLVED

THAT

1. Council note the minutes of the Sports Advisory Committee Meeting held on 14th June 2023; and

2. Council provide Lyndall Peychers with \$300.00 toward the cost of participating in the NSW National School Swimming in August 2023.

MOVED: Councillor A Bryce

SECONDED: Councillor D Goodwin

CARRIED

11.2. IS - 26/06/2023 - Seven Valleys Tourism Committee Minutes 6 June 2023

Councillor S Ring left the meeting at 9:44 pm.

MOTION

THAT Council:

1. Endorse the minutes of the Seven Valleys Tourism Committee meeting held on Tuesday 6th June 2023.
2. Note the change in meeting frequency from monthly to bi-monthly, as reflected in the updated Terms of Reference

MOVED: Councillor A Bryce

SECONDED: Councillor D Goodwin

Councillor S Ring returned to the meeting at 9:45 pm.

AMENDMENT

THAT Council:

1. Endorse the minutes of the Seven Valleys Tourism Committee meeting held on Tuesday 6th June 2023.
2. Note the change in meeting frequency from monthly to bi-monthly, as reflected in the updated Terms of Reference
3. No action be taken on the Tina Turner Flash Mob promotion until a report is brought back to Council.

MOVED: Councillor C Coleman

SECONDED: Councillor S Ring

LOST

The Amendment was PUT and was LOST.

The Original Motion was PUT.

23 -117 RESOLVED

THAT Council:

1. Endorse the minutes of the Seven Valleys Tourism Committee meeting held on Tuesday 6th June 2023.
2. Note the change in meeting frequency from monthly to bi-monthly, as reflected in the updated Terms of Reference

MOVED: Councillor A Bryce

SECONDED: Councillor D Goodwin

CARRIED

11.3. IS - 26/06/2023 - TALC Committee Meeting Minutes - 1st June 2023

MOTION

THAT

1. Council note the minutes of the TALC Committee meeting held on 1st June 2023;
2. The proposed 40km/h High Pedestrian Activity Area in the Portland Central Business District be placed on public exhibition for a period of twenty eight (28) days, and,
3. A report of all relevant submissions be presented to the next Traffic Advisory Local Committee meeting for determination and recommendation to Council.
4. Council support Blue Mountains Grammar School's (BMGS) Annual 45km Charity Walk through roads within the Kanimbla Valley, on Saturday, 7th October 2023, subject to acceptable clarification of risk, slow vehicle management and requirement of TGS, and approval through police and BMCC,
5. Council support the reduction in speed from 100km/h to 80km/h on Thompson's Creek Road, between Range Road and Pipers Flat Road, Portland,
6. Council investigate the feasibility and community support for installing a marked crossing in Main Street, between Black Bridge and 72 Main Street, Wallerawang.

MOVED: Councillor S Lesslie

SECONDED: Councillor A Bryce

AMENDMENT

THAT

1. Council note the minutes of the TALC Committee meeting held on 1st June 2023;
2. The proposed 40km/h High Pedestrian Activity Area in the Portland Central Business District be placed on public exhibition for a period of twenty eight (28) days, and,
3. A report of all relevant submissions be presented to the next Traffic Advisory Local Committee meeting for determination and recommendation to Council.
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MOVED: Councillor S McGhie

Councillor McGhie withdrew his Amendment.

The original Motion was PUT.

23 -118 RESOLVED

THAT

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MOVED: Councillor S Lesslie

SECONDED: Councillor A Bryce

CARRIED

12. Business of Great Urgency

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

Councillor C Coleman raised the matter of the recent treatment of a homeless man in Main Street Lithgow by unknown people.

The Mayor declared the matter not to be of great urgency in accordance with Clause 241 of the Local Government (General) Regulations however, advised that the Administration will look into the matter.

There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 10:00 pm.