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## **MINUTES**

ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

HELD ON

20 MARCH 2017

AT 7.00pm

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF LITHGOW COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD AT THE CIVIC CENTRE, LITHGOW ON 20 MARCH 2017**

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Meeting Commenced 7.00pm

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

Public: 34

**PRESENT**

His Worship the Mayor  
Councillor S Lesslie  
Councillor W McAndrew  
Councillor C Coleman  
Councillor S Ring  
Councillor J Smith  
Councillor M Statham  
Councillor R Thompson

**APOLOGIES**

Nil

**Also in attendance**

Mr Andrew Muir, Acting General Manager  
Mrs Trinity Newton, Minutes Secretary  
Mr Jim Nichols, Acting Group Manager Environment and Development  
Mrs Ally Shelton, Acting Group Manager Corporate and Community  
Mr Iain Stewart, Group Manager Operations

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**17-75 RESOLVED**

Confirmation of the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on the 27 February 2017 were taken as read and confirmed by Councillors W McAndrew and J Smith with a minor change to Item 15 whereby the original recommendation was not moved therefore there was no amendment prior to the Motion being put and then Carried.

**CARRIED**

**DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

His Worship the Mayor called for Declarations of Interest on any matter before the Meeting.

NIL

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## **PROCEDURAL MOTION**

**THAT** the Mercury be permitted to record the Council meeting at each meeting from hereon in, unless otherwise resolved.

**MOVED:** Councillor R Thompson

**SECONDED:** Councillor M Statham

## **COMMEMORATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councillor Statham commemorated Mr Alex Roberts from the Lithgow Lions Club who passed away unexpectedly recently.

Acknowledged.

Councillor Smith commemorated Mr Danny Maloney from Wallerawang who passed away recently.

Acknowledged.

## **QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

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

### **PF – 20/3/17 - MR ALAN CHERRY**

Mr Cherry made a statement in relation to DA283/16, 37 Atkinson Street Lithgow.

## **PROCEDURAL MOTION**

**THAT** an extension of time be granted to Mr Cherry.

**MOVED:** Councillor W McAndrew

**SECONDED:** Councillor M Statham

The Mayor thanked Mr Cherry for his statement and gave advice on the matter going to next Council meeting.

The Acting General Manager made gave advice on the matter.

### **PF – 20/03/17 – MR COL HUNTER**

Mr Hunter made a statement in relation to Item 6 on the agenda.

The Mayor thanked Mr Hunter for his statement.

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**PF – 20/03/17 – MR BARRY REID**

Mr Reid made a statement in relation on Items 1 through to 7 on the Agenda.

**PROCEDURAL MOTION**

**THAT** an extension of time be granted to Mr Reid.

**MOVED:** Councillor S Ring

**SECONDED:** Councillor M Statham

The Mayor thanked Mr Reid for his statements.

**PF – 20/03/17 – MRS SUE GRAVES**

Mrs Graves made a statement in relation to Items 1 and 6 on the Agenda.

The Mayor thanked Mrs Graves for her statement.

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## ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT REPORTS

ITEM-1            ENVIRO- 20/03/17- REVIEW OF PLANNING LEGISLATION  
                          UPDATES

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### PROCEDURAL MOTION

**THAT** Council move into a Committee as a whole.

**MOVED:** Councillor W McAndrew

**SECONDED:** Councillor R Thompson

The Council moved into a committee as a whole at 7:22pm.

### 17-76 RESOLVED

**THAT**

1. Authority be delegated to the Acting General Manager to lodge a submission to the Department of Planning and Environment raising the issues and concerns as set out in this report in response to the proposed changes to the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979
2. Comments made by Councillors and the Public Gallery be taken into consideration.

**MOVED:** Councillor W McAndrew

**SECONDED:** Councillor R Thompson.

**CARRIED**

### PROCEDURAL MOTION

**THAT** the Council resume standing orders.

**MOVED:** Councillor W McAndrew

**SECONDED:** Councillor R Thompson.

The Council resumed Standing orders and moved into full council at 7:35pm

## OPERATION REPORTS

### ITEM-2 OPER - 20/03/17 - WATER REPORT

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#### 17-77 RESOLVED

**THAT** Council notes the water report.

**MOVED:** Councillor C Coleman

**SECONDED:** Councillor J Smith.

**CARRIED**

## CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY REPORTS

### ITEM-3 CORP - 20/03/17 - COUNCIL INVESTMENTS HELD TO 28 FEBRUARY 2017

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#### 17-78 RESOLVED

**THAT** Investments of \$27,300,138.43 and cash of \$693,455.41 for the period ending 28 February 2017 be noted.

**MOVED:** Councillor C Coleman

**SECONDED:** Councillor M Statham.

**CARRIED**

### ITEM-4 CORP - 20/03/17 - EXCESSIVE WATER PROPERTY 12840

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## RECOMMENDATION

**THAT** Council:

1. Offer no further consideration additional to the \$200.00 rebate previously applied to water consumption charges on the property 12840.
2. Advise the owner in writing of Council's resolution and confirm the availability of a negotiated repayment arrangement under policy.

## **MOTION**

**THAT** Council agree to write off the entire \$4691.43 of the water account of property 12840.

**MOVED:** Councillor M Statham

**SECONDED:** Councillor S Ring.

## **17-79 RESOLVED**

**THAT** Council agree to write off the entire \$4691.43 of the water account of property 12840.

**MOVED:** Councillor M Statham

**SECONDED:** Councillor S Ring.

**CARRIED**

## **COUNCIL COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**ITEM-5            OPER - 20/03/17 -SPORTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
MINUTES 28 FEBRUARY 2017- REPORT**

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## **17-80 RESOLVED**

**THAT** Council:

1. Notes the Minutes of the Sports Advisory Committee held on 28 February 2017.
2. Accepts John Kearney as the Sports Advisory Committee representative from Wallerawang Baseball Association.

**MOVED:** Councillor J Smith

**SECONDED:** Councillor C Coleman.

**CARRIED**

## NOTICE OF MOTION

ITEM-6 NOTICE OF MOTION - 20/03/17 - BATHURST BULLET TRAIN SERVICE

REPORT BY: COUNCILLOR C COLEMAN

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### 17-81 RESOLVED

**THAT** Lithgow City Council writes to NSW Train link to:

1. Request them to consider another two carriage be attached to the Bathurst bullet considering the high demand of the service.
2. Request to have the trains stop at Tarana, Westmead and Strathfield stations.

**MOVED:** Councillor C Coleman

**SECONDED:** Councillor W McAndrew.

**CARRIED**

## MATTER ARISING

### 17-82 RESOLVED

**THAT** Council lobby the Local Member and the State Government to get more train services from Lithgow to Sydney.

**MOVED:** Councillor W McAndrew

**SECONDED:** Councillor S Ring.

**CARRIED**

## QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

ITEM-7 QUESTION WITH NOTICE - 20/03/17 - QUARTERLY REPORTS

REPORT BY: COUNCILLOR S RING

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### 17-83 RESOLVED

**THAT** the answers to the questions be noted.

**MOVED:** Councillor S Ring

**SECONDED:** Councillor W McAndrew.

**CARRIED**

## **BUSINESS OF GREAT URGENCY**

*In accordance with Clause 241 of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2005 business may be transacted at a meeting of Council even though due notice of the business has not been given to the Councillors. However, this can happen only of:*

- a) *A motion is passed to have the business transacted at the meeting; and*
- b) *The business proposed to be brought forward is ruled by the Chairperson to be of great urgency.*

### **UB – 20/03/17 - COUNCILLOR MCANDREW**

Councillor McAndrew spoke in relation to a letter received from Dr Kamalaharan and Associates in relation to Rural General Practice Grants Program and requesting a letter of support from Council in their application for Rural General Practice Grants Program which is required by Tuesday 21 March 2017.

### **17-84 RESOLVED**

**THAT** the request by Dr Kamalaharan and Associates for a letter of support from Council in their application for Rural General Practice Grants Program be declared as business of great urgency.

**MOVED:** Councillor W McAndrew

**SECONDED:** Councillor J Smith

The Mayor declared the matter to be of great urgency in accordance with clause 241 of the Local Government (General) Regulations.

### **17-85 RESOLVED**

**THAT** a letter of support be supplied to Dr Haran for his application for Rural General Practice Grants Program.

**MOVED:** Councillor W McAndrew

**SECONDED:** Councillor J Smith

**CARRIED**

The meeting closed at 8:17pm.