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AGENDA

EXTRA ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

TO BE HELD AT

THE ADMINISTRATION CENTRE, LITHGOW

ON

02 AUGUST 2017

AT 7.00pm

AGENDA

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

APOLOGIES

PRESENT

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

COMMEMORATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PUBLIC FORUM

PRESENTATIONS – Nil

MAYORAL MINUTES

Community Consideration For Grant Applications

STAFF REPORTS – Nil

BUSINESS OF GREAT URGENCY

as identified by Clause 241 of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2005

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MAYORAL MINUTE

ITEM-1 MAYORAL MINUTE – 02/08/17 - COMMUNITY CONSIDERATION FOR GRANT APPLICATIONS

REPORT BY: MAYOR – COUNCILLOR STEPHEN LESSLIE

SUMMARY

Local Member Paul Toole announced on 18 July 2017 that a funding allocation of \$852,976 for the Lithgow LGA had been allocated as part of the “Stronger Country Communities Fund” for 2017/18 with a closing date of 9th August 2017 for applications from community groups and Councils. An important component in the consideration of competing projects will be demonstrable community support, and it is necessary to give the community the opportunity to display such support before the applications closing date.

COMMENTARY

Council’s Administration has been working to identify initiatives that may comply with the substantial requirements set for grant approval. Community support is encouraged to assist with any application lodged for consideration.

Council’s recent consultation process aligned to the Integrated Planning and Reporting cycle will be relied upon also to show evidence of community support, but given the very short time frame before closing date for applications, It is necessary I believe to give the community an opportunity to provide their supportive comments on both the initiatives already identified by the Administration and any other initiative that the community may wish to promote.

Whilst the Administration has been compiling a list of potential initiatives to benefit the LGA, the Community should have an opportunity to show support for these and suggest other projects that should be considered subject to compliance with all of the detailed requirements of a grant application under the announced funding initiative.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Community suggestions for inclusion to be considered in addition to those already identified by the Administration and to comply with the application requirements set down under the State Government funding initiative. Council’s recently outlined Grants process to be referenced.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- Budget approved -TBA
- Cost centre -TBA
- Expended to date -TBA
- Future potential impact -TBA

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

NIL

ATTACHMENTS

1. Letter from Local Member Paul Toole received 18th July 2017

RECOMMENDATION

THAT

2. Council agree to a public forum in this meeting to be governed by the Public Forum rules and Guidelines set out in Council's Code of Meeting Practice for the purposes of gaining public support for the initiatives identified by Council and members of the Community.
3. Council Administration record and consider those additional projects supported by the members of the community at this meeting in addition to those already identified within Council.

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.*