



Ordinary Meeting of Council

held at

Council Chambers

180 Mort Street, Lithgow

on

Monday 25 March 2024

at 6:00 PM

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The Mayor declared the meeting open at 6pm.

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.

2. Present

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

Also in attendance

Craig Butler	General Manager
Ross Gurney	Chief Financial and Information Officer - Finance, Assets and Legal
Jonathon Edgecombe	Director Infrastructure and Economy
Matthew Trapp	Executive Manager Water, Wastewater and Waste
Shaun Elwood	Director People & Places
Trinity Newton	Minutes Secretary

3. Apologies

All being present there were no apologies.

4. Declaration of Interest

The Mayor called for any declarations of interest.

There were no declarations of interest made.

The Mayor read out a message for Councillors regarding code of meeting practice and the behaviour of councillors in the meeting.

5. Confirmation of Minutes

24 -50 RESOLVED

The Minutes of the Extra Ordinary Meeting of Council held on the 20 February 2024 were taken as read and confirmed.

MOVED: Councillor A Bryce

SECONDED: Councillor D Goodwin

CARRIED

Councillor Goodwin requested an update on the business of great urgency which he raised at the last meeting of Council. The administration advised the matter had been actioned.

24 -51 RESOLVED

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on the 26 February 2024 were taken as read and confirmed.

MOVED: Councillor A Bryce

SECONDED: Councillor C O'Connor

CARRIED

24 -52 RESOLVED

The Minutes of the Extra Ordinary Meeting of Council held on the 11 March 2024 were taken as read and confirmed.

MOVED: Councillor C O'Connor

SECONDED: Councillor A Bryce

CARRIED

6. Commemorations and Announcements

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

The Mayor acknowledged Mr Brad De Losa who will be representing Australia at the World Trophy competition to be held in Milan, Italy on 25 May 2024.

The Mayor commemorated that passing of Mr Col Ferguson from Palmers Oakey who was a well known and long serving community volunteer.

The Mayor commemorated the passing of Mr George Quinell from Lithgow who was a well known and long serving community volunteer.

The Mayor commemorated the passing of Mr Peter Moore from Tarana who was a well known and long serving community volunteer.

The Mayor acknowledged the Lithgow Show Society, volunteers and supporters for another successful Lithgow Show.

7. Public Forum

At 6:09 pm members of the public gallery were invited to participate in the Public Forum Session.

Mr Chris Brandt made a statement in relation to an item not on the business paper, Review of Council policies and actions relating to street tree management.

The Mayor thanked Mr Brant for his statements.

Mr Ray Smith made a statement in relation to an item not on the business paper, Council administration processes.

PROCEDURAL MOTION

THAT an extension of time be granted to Mr Smith.

MOVED: Councillor C Coleman

SECONDED: Councillor S Ring

CARRIED

The Mayor thanked Mr Smith for his statements.

The Council Administration gave advice on the matters that Mr Smith raised.

8. Presentations

24 -53 RESOLVED

THAT Council receive and note the presentation regarding the 2022/23 Audited Financial Statements by a representative of Crowe Australasia on behalf of the Audit Office of New South Wales (the Council's external auditor).

MOVED: Councillor D Goodwin

SECONDED: Councillor C O'Connor

CARRIED

PROCEDURAL MOTION

THAT Item 11.5.1 is moved to this point in the meeting.

MOVED: Councillor D Goodwin

SECONDED: Councillor A Bryce

CARRIED

11.5.1. F&G - 25/03/2024 - Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 June 2023**24 -54 RESOLVED**

THAT Council:

1. Receive the audited Annual Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2023 pursuant to Section 419 of the Local Government Act 1993.
2. Pursuant to Section 420 of the Local Government Act 1993, endorse the Financial Statements to be made available to the public to make submissions for a period of seven days.
3. Note the presentation by a representative of Crowe Australasia on behalf of the Audit Office of New South Wales, the Council's external auditor, to the Council meeting in respect of the Audited Financial Statements.

MOVED: Councillor A Bryce

SECONDED: Councillor D Goodwin

CARRIED

9. Mayoral Minutes**9.1. Mayoral Minute - 25/03/2024 - Kremer Park Grandstand****Motion**

THAT the Kremer Park grandstand in Portland be named "Gary (Snag) Taylor Grandstand".

MOVED: Councillor M Statham

24 -55 RESOLVED

THAT the proposal to name the Kremer Park Grandstand to the "Gary (Snag) Taylor Grandstand" be placed on public exhibition for 28 days and in the event of no objections that the Grandstand is named after "Gary (Snag) Taylor".

MOVED: Councillor S Ring

SECONDED: Councillor C Coleman

The Mayor accepted the Amendment and withdrew her original Motion.

The Amendment became the Motion.

Councillor Ring called a Point of Order on Councillor Statham stating that a respectful meeting was requested and he was endeavouring to adhere to that.

The Mayor upheld the Point of Order.

Councillor Coleman called a Point of Order as the debate continued without her making a statement as the seconder and requested the Motion to be PUT.

The Motion was PUT.

CARRIED

9.2. Mayor Minute - 25/3/2024 - Town Entry Signage across the LGA**MOTION**

THAT Council bring forward \$100,000 from the 2024/25 Operational Plan to fund the design and construction of new town entry signs through Lithgow, Wallerawang and Portland.

MOVED: Councillor M Statham

24 -56 RESOLVED

THAT the Town Entry Signage across the LGA be deferred and brought to the next Operations Committee meeting for discussion.

MOVED: Councillor C Coleman

SECONDED: Councillor S Ring

CARRIED

The Mayor accepted the Amendment and withdrew her original Motion.

The Amendment became the Motion.

The Motion was PUT.

CARRIED**10. Notices of Motion****10.1. Notice of Motion - Councillor S McGhie - 25/03/2024 - Rebate scheme for the fitting of reflux valves**

Report by Councillor Stuart M^cGhie

Motion

THAT

1. \$150,000 be set aside to fund the private fitting of reflux valves to the first 200 successful applicants.
2. The administration set up a simple system for application, approval, inspection and payment of a maximum \$750 rebate per household.

MOVED: Councillor S McGhie

SECONDED: Councillor D Goodwin

Amendment

That this item be deferred to the next meeting of the Operations Committee where a detailed report can be presented for consideration.

If in the opinion of the General Manager this time frame is insufficient for such a report to be developed, then an extraordinary meeting of the Operations Committee be called as soon as practicable.

MOVED: Councillor S Lesslie

SECONDED: Councillor S Ring

The Amendment was PUT.

LOST

The Amendment was LOST.

The Original Motion (with an amendment – item 3 – as accepted by the original mover and seconder) was PUT.

24 -57 RESOLVED

THAT

1. \$150,000 be set aside to fund the private fitting of reflux valves to the first 200 successful applicants.
2. The administration set up a simple system for application, approval, inspection and payment of a maximum \$750 rebate per household.
3. The refined and finalised process for rebates and the process such as eligibility be brought to the next Operations Committee meeting for discussion and finalisation the Council.

MOVED: Councillor S McGhie

SECONDED: Councillor D Goodwin

CARRIED

10.2. Notice of Motion - Councillor A Bryce - 25/03/2024 - Use of Council vacant Main Street Shops during Arts Trail

Report by Councillor Almudena Bryce

24 -58 RESOLVED

THAT Lithgow City Council administration:

1. Allow the Arts Trail Committee to display art work in the windows of empty Council shops during the Arts Trail 1 to 9 November 2024.
2. Meet with the Art Trail Committee to organise what shops are available.

MOVED: Councillor A Bryce

SECONDED: Councillor D Goodwin

CARRIED

10.3. Notice of Motion - Councillor A Bryce - 25/03/2024 - Moving Committee Meetings Minutes as a Block

Report by Councillor Almudena Bryce

24 -59 RESOLVED

THAT:

1. Committee meeting minutes are moved as a block from this meeting forward,
2. Council amend the Lithgow Council Code of Meeting Practice to included Clauses 13.1 to 13.7 of the NSW Model Code of Meeting Practice.

MOVED: Councillor A Bryce

SECONDED: Councillor D Goodwin

CARRIED

Councillor Ring called a Point of Order on Councillor Goodwin regarding a comment.

Councillor Goodwin withdrew his comment.

Councillor Bryce called a Point of Order on Councillor Mahony regarding his comment being a personal attack on Councillor Goodwin.

The Mayor upheld the Point of Order.

10.4. Notice of Motion - Councillor C Coleman - 25/03/2024 - 6-month exercise membership - Aqua fitness morning class held at JM Robson Aquatic Centre

Report by Councillor Cassandra Coleman

24 -60 RESOLVED

1. That the Lithgow City Council acknowledge the importance of providing a 6-month monthly exercise membership for the Lithgow Aqua fitness morning class.
2. A report is provided regarding why Mrs Deb Russell never received a response to her correspondence dated 22 January 2024.

MOVED: Councillor C Coleman

SECONDED: Councillor S Ring

CARRIED

11. Administration Reports

11.1. Caring for Our Community

11.1.1. I&E - Financial Assistance Request - Sporting Representation

24 -61 RESOLVED

THAT

1. Council provide Alexander Evans with financial assistance of \$300.00 from the 2023/2024 allocation toward the cost of Alexander's sporting representation in swimming.
2. Council provide Charles Evans with financial assistance of \$300.00 from the 2023/2024 allocation toward the cost of Charlie's sporting representation in swimming.
3. Council provide the Cream Team with financial assistance of \$300.00 from the 2023/2024 allocation toward the cost of the teams sporting representation in basketball.

MOVED: Councillor E Mahony

SECONDED: Councillor A Bryce

CARRIED

11.2. Developing Our Built Environment

11.2.1. P&P - 25/03/2024 - Lithgow Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan 2023

24 -62 RESOLVED

THAT Council:

1. Adopt the Lithgow Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan 2023
2. Develop an implementation plan to be delivered through the Operational and Delivery Plans.
3. A stormwater management plan for Marrangaroo Fields and Farmers Creek catchment areas be developed.

MOVED: Councillor S Ring

SECONDED: Councillor A Bryce

CARRIED

11.3. Strengthening Our Economy

11.3.1. I&E - 25/03/2024 - Proposed Study Visit - Latrobe Valley

Motion

THAT for the purpose of better understanding the practical implications of the initiatives proposed within the endorsed LEEP strategy, Council endorse:

1. The organisation of a study tour to the Latrobe Valley for the dates of 16 and 17 May 2024, and
2. All Councillors be invited to attend the study visit, along with the General Manager, Director Infrastructure and Economy, and Director People and Places.

MOVED: Councillor S McGhie

SECONDED: Councillor A Bryce

Amendment

That Lithgow City Council invite a representative from the Latrobe valley authority and Latrobe City Council to Greater Lithgow.

We already have a working relationship with Energy Australia , we could reach out and ask them as well

MOVED: Councillor C Coleman

SECONDED: Councillor S Lesslie

The Amendment was PUT.

LOST

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

Divisions

FOR: Councillor C Coleman, Councillor S Lesslie, Councillor E Mahony and Councillor S Ring

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

24 -63 RESOLVED

THAT for the purpose of better understanding the practical implications of the initiatives proposed within the endorsed LEEP strategy, Council endorse:

1. The organisation of a study tour to the Latrobe Valley for the dates of 16 and 17 May 2024, and
2. All Councillors be invited to attend the study visit, along with the General Manager, Director Infrastructure and Economy, and Director People and Places.

MOVED: Councillor S McGhie

SECONDED: Councillor A Bryce

CARRIED

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

Divisions

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

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

11.4. Enhancing Our Natural Environment

11.4.1. P&P - 25/03/2024 - Destination Action Plan

24 -64 RESOLVED

THAT Council approve the Seven Valleys Destination Action Plan (DAP) for public exhibition.

MOVED: Councillor S Ring

SECONDED: Councillor A Bryce

CARRIED

11.5. Responsible Governance & Civic Leadership

11.5.1. F&G - 25/03/2024 - Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 June 2023

This item was dealt with earlier in the meeting.

11.5.2. F&G - 25/03/2024 - Investment Report February 2024

24 -65 RESOLVED

THAT:

1. Investments of \$52,400,000 and cash of \$1,351,313 (of which approximately \$51M is restricted) for the period ending 29 February 2024 be noted.
2. The enclosed certificate of the Responsible Accounting Officer be noted.
3. The commentary on cashflow and funding requirements for restricted reserves be noted.

MOVED: Councillor S Ring

SECONDED: Councillor A Bryce

CARRIED

**11.5.3. EXEC - 25/03/2024 - ALGA's National General Assembly (NGA) Conference
2 - 4 July 2024**

Councillor S Ring left the meeting at 8:36 pm.
Councillor S Ring returned to the meeting at 8:37 pm.

24 -66 RESOLVED

THAT Council:

1. Appoint the Mayor and Deputy Mayor as attendees to the NGA24 Conference.
2. Authorise the Acting General Manager or a delegate of the Acting General Manager, to also attend the NGA24 Conference.

MOVED: Councillor C Coleman

SECONDED: Councillor A Bryce

CARRIED

11.5.4. F&G - 25/03/2024 - 2023/24 SRV Program Update - March 2024**24 -67 RESOLVED**

THAT Council note the update on progress towards achieving the outcomes of the 2023/24 Special Rate Variation expenditure program.

MOVED: Councillor A Bryce

SECONDED: Councillor D Goodwin

CARRIED

12. Council Committee Reports**12.1. I&S - 25/03/2024 - Sports Advisory Committee Meeting - 14th February 2024****24 -67 RESOLVED**

THAT

1. Council note the minutes of the Sports Advisory Committee held on 14th February 2024; and
2. Council provide *Alexis Reid* with \$500.00 toward the cost of participating in the European Circuit for Taekwondo; and
3. Council accept Romesh Kamalaharan and Morgan Starkey as the Sports Advisory Committee representatives from Wallerawang Indoor Sports Association.

MOVED: Councillor A Bryce

SECONDED: Councillor D Goodwin

CARRIED

12.2. I&S - 25/03/2024 - Economic Development Committee Meeting minutes 18 March 2024**24 -68 RESOLVED**

THAT Council note the minutes of the Economic Development Committee meeting held on 18 March 2024.

MOVED: Councillor C O'Connor

SECONDED: Councillor A Bryce

Councillor A Bryce called a Point of Order on Councillor S Lesslie stating the composition of the committee was discussed at another meeting and therefore he was going off topic.

The Mayor upheld the Point of Order.

CARRIED

Councillor Lesslie asked that his name be recorded against the motion.

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

Divisions

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

AGAINST: Councillor S Lesslie

12.3. EXEC - 25/03/2024 - Committee Meetings that did not Proceed**24 -69 RESOLVED**

THAT the information contained in the report be noted.

MOVED: Councillor S Ring

SECONDED: Councillor A Bryce

CARRIED**13. Delegates Reports****13.1. EXEC - 25/03/2024 - CNSWJO Board Meeting Delegates Report****24 -70 RESOLVED**

THAT the delegates report relating to attendance at the Central NSW Joint Organisation of Councils' Board Meeting on 29 February be received.

MOVED: Councillor A Bryce

SECONDED: Councillor S Ring

CARRIED

14. Business of Great Urgency

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

Councillor Lesslie enquired about the status of a safety issue on Portland / Wallerawang Road which Councillor Goodwin had raised previously.

The Administration gave advice on this matter.

There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 8:58 pm.

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