



Ordinary Meeting of Council

held at

Council Administration Centre

180 Mort Street, Lithgow

on

Wednesday 5 March 2025

at 6:00 PM

Minutes

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The Mayor declared the meeting open at 6:00 pm.

Acknowledgement of Country

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Lithgow City Council acknowledges Wiradjuri Elders past and present of the Wiradjuri nation - the original custodians of the land on which the Lithgow's communities reside. The Council also extends our respects to our neighbouring nations.

Declaration of Webcasting

I 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.

Present

Public: 5

Councillor C Coleman
Councillor T Evangelidis
Councillor E Fredericks
Councillor D Goodwin
Councillor E Mahony
Councillor S Ring
Councillor R Smith
Councillor M Statham - joined via audio-visual link at 6:30pm
Councillor M Ticehurst - joined via audio-visual link

Also in attendance

Ross Gurney	General Manager
Vanessa Browning	Director Finance and Governance
Jonathon Edgecombe	Director Infrastructure and Economy
Shaun Elwood	Director People & Places
Trinity Newton	Minutes Secretary

25 -66 RESOLVED

That, in accordance with section 5.24 of Code of Meeting, Council approve the request to attend the Extra Ordinary Meeting of Council 5 March 2025 by audio-visual link to:

1. Councillor M Ticehurst due to working commitments
2. Councillor M Statham due to family commitments.

MOVED: Councillor E Fredericks

SECONDED: Councillor S Ring

CARRIED

Apologies

All being present there were no apologies.

Declaration of Interest

The Mayor called for any declarations of interest.

There were no declarations of interest made.

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.

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Public Forum

At 6:02 pm members of the public gallery were invited to participate in the Public Forum Session.

There were no people present wishing to speak.

1. Notices of Motion

1.1. NOM - 05/03/2025 - Main Street Footpath

Report by Councillor Darryl Goodwin
Councillor Eric Mahony
Councillor Steve Ring

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PROCEDURAL MOTION

THAT the Council move into a Committee of the Whole.

MOVED: Councillor S Ring

SECONDED: Councillor D Goodwin

CARRIED

PROCEDURAL MOTION

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SECONDED: Councillor D Goodwin

CARRIED

MOTION

THAT:

1. Administration table the costing for undertaking the upgrade of footpath on the Southern Side of Main Street between Bridge and Eskbank Streets.
2. Council authorises the General Manager to negotiate a price for the additional work and to seek a loan not exceeding \$2.1 million.
3. The Finance and Infrastructure Committees develop a borrowing strategy for capital works for inclusion in Council's Long Term Financial Plan.
4. A grant register be established and the progress of individual projects be reported bi-monthly to the Infrastructure, Finance and/or other relevant Committees.

MOVED: Councillor S Ring**SECONDED:** Councillor E Mahony**AMENDMENT**

THAT Council:

1. Note the Administrations report on the previous and current financial costings and suggested loan arrangements and repayments for undertaking the proposed upgrading of the footpath on the Southern Side of Main Street between Bridge and Eskbank Streets.
2. Seek in writing, in full public support from all of the major political parties and all of the various Calare Electorate Candidates, towards the urgent reinstatement of the previously approved (and then removed) Commonwealth Labor Government's Building Better Regions Fund – Infrastructure Projects Stream – Round 5 (BBRF) providing \$1,9389,911 to enable the urgent completion of the remaining unfunded Top End section of the Main Street CBD Stage 2 Footpath Revitalisation Program.
3. Request that the Administration bring back an updated report on this issue to the Ordinary Meeting of the Lithgow City Council on Monday 26 May 2025.

MOVED: Councillor M Ticehurst**SECONDED:** Councillor E Fredericks

The Amendment was PUT.

LOST**25 -67 RESOLVED**

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MOVED: Councillor S Ring**SECONDED:** Councillor E Mahony**CARRIED**

A **DIVISION** was called by Councillor E Fredericks

Divisions

FOR: Councillor C Coleman, Councillor T Evangelidis, Councillor D Goodwin, Councillor E Mahony, Councillor S Ring, Councillor R Smith

AGAINST: Councillor E Fredericks and Councillor M Ticehurst, Councillor M Statham

Councillor D Goodwin left the meeting at 7:11 pm due to work commitments.

2. Business of Great Urgency

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

The Mayor raised the matter of an urgent grant application that is closing soon.

Proposed motion is:

THAT Council endorse the submission of an application for the Open Streets Grant which has an impending application deadline of 14 March 2025. The grant would fund an activation event supporting the Lithgow Main Street Masterplan and broader placemaking initiatives.

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

25 -68 RESOLVED

THAT the matter of the grant application be declared as business of great urgency.

MOVED: Councillor C Coleman

CARRIED

25 -69 RESOLVED

THAT Council:

1. Endorse the submission of an application for the Open Streets Grant which has an impending application deadline of 14 March 2025. The grant would fund an activation event supporting the Lithgow Main Street Masterplan and broader placemaking initiatives.
2. Refer the proposal to the Events Planning Working Party tomorrow.

MOVED: Councillor C Coleman

SECONDED: Councillor E Mahony

CARRIED

Councillor Mahony thanked Administration for the quick action on the issue that occurred at the Showground today.

Councillor Smith raised the matter of Waste for Energy submissions closing soon.

The administration gave advice on the matter.

There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 7:18 pm.