



Ordinary Meeting of Council

held at

Council Administration Centre

180 Mort Street, Lithgow

on

Monday 27 October 2025

at 6:30 PM

Minutes

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The Mayor declared the meeting open at 6:30 pm.

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 Administration informed the Chamber of the emergency evacuation procedures.

Present

Public: 16

Councillor C Coleman
Councillor T Evangelidis
Councillor E Fredericks
Councillor D Goodwin
Councillor E Mahony
Councillor S Ring
Councillor R Smith
Councillor M Statham
Councillor M Ticehurst

Also in attendance

Ross Gurney	General Manager
Vanessa Browning	Director Finance and Governance
Jonathon Edgecombe	Director Infrastructure and Project Delivery
Owen Mabumbo	Acting Director Water, Wastewater and Waste
Shaun Elwood	Director People and Places
Trinity Newton	Minutes Secretary

Apologies

All being present there were no apologies.

Declaration of Interest

The Mayor called for any declarations of interest.

Councillor D Goodwin declared a pecuniary conflict of interest in Confidential Item 7.1 and undertook to vacate the Chambers when the item is discussed.

Confirmation of Minutes

25 -245 RESOLVED

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 22 September 2025 were taken as read and confirmed.

MOVED: Councillor E Fredericks

SECONDED: Councillor S Ring

CARRIED

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.

Public Forum

At 6:33 pm members of the public gallery were invited to participate in the Public Forum Session.

Jo Koleda made a statement in relation to the water outage Item 1.1 on the business paper.

PROCEDURAL MOTION

THAT an extension of time be granted to Jo Koleda.

MOVED: Councillor M Statham

SECONDED: Councillor E Fredericks

CARRIED

The Mayor thanked Mrs Koleda for her statement.

Chris Hayes made a statement in relation to Item 2.5 on the business paper.

PROCEDURAL MOTION

THAT an extension of time be granted to Mr Hayes.

MOVED: Councillor D Goodwin

SECONDED: Councillor M Ticehurst

CARRIED

The Mayor thanked Mr Hayes for his statement.

The General Manager read the statement of Greg Johnston in relation to Item 2.5 on the business paper.

The Mayor thanked Mr Johnston for his statement.

Ceane Towers made a statement in relation to Item 2.5 on the business paper.

PROCEDURAL MOTION

THAT an extension of time be granted to Ceane Towers.

MOVED: Councillor S Ring

SECONDED: Councillor D Goodwin

CARRIED

The Mayor thanked Ms Towers for her statement.

The Mayor asked if there were any further speakers from the Public Gallery that would like to make a statement regarding an item on the Business Paper.

Sarah Raine made a statement in relation to Item 2.5 on the Business Paper.

The Mayor thanked Ms Raine for her statement.

PROCEDURAL MOTION

THAT the following items brought forward to this point in the meeting and moved by exception: 2.2, 2.3 and 3.1.

The items are to be adopted as recommended in the business paper.

MOVED: Councillor E Fredericks

SECONDED: Councillor D Goodwin

CARRIED

2.2. F&G - 27/10/2025 - Returns of Disclosures of Designated Persons 2024-2025

25 -246 RESOLVED

THAT Council note the tabling of Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest and Other Matters by designated persons lodged for the 12 months ending 30 June 2025.

MOVED: Councillor E Fredericks

SECONDED: Councillor D Goodwin

CARRIED

2.3. F&G - 27/10/2025 - Investment Report September 2025**25 -247 RESOLVED**

THAT:

1. Investments of \$52,000,000 and cash of \$342,965 (which is mostly restricted for specific purposes) for the period ending 30 September 2025 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 E Fredericks

SECONDED: Councillor D Goodwin

CARRIED

3.1. P&P - 27/10/2025 - Community Development Minutes - 9 September 2025**25 -248 RESOLVED**

THAT Council note the minutes of the Community Development Committee held on 9 September 2025.

MOVED: Councillor E Fredericks

SECONDED: Councillor D Goodwin

CARRIED

1. Mayoral Minutes**1.1. Mayoral Minute - 27/10/2025 - Lithgow Water Outage - October 2025 - Vote of Thanks**

Report by Mayor – Councillor Cassandra Coleman

MOTION

THAT the Council note the Vote of Thanks to the wider community for coming together in a really difficult time.

MOVED: Councillor C Coleman

AMENDMENT

1. Under the Mayor and General Manager, issue an unreserved public apology to those businesses, ratepayers and residents who were severely impacted by the Lithgow City Council's water outage in Lithgow between Thursday 9 October and late Sunday on the 12 October 2025.

2. This Council resolution also provide an unreserved public apology to those Lithgow City Council employees who may have felt any personal blame or humiliation following the Lithgow City Council's water outage in Lithgow Thursday 9 October and late Sunday on the 12 October 2025.
3. The General Manager urgently develop a Public Communications Strategy that can be immediately implemented, if and when another major water outage or similar major incident occurs in the Lithgow LGA.

MOVED: Councillor M Ticehurst

SECONDED: Councillor E Fredericks

The Amendment was PUT.

LOST

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

Divisions

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

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

The original Motion was PUT.

25 -250 RESOLVED

THAT the Council note the Vote of Thanks to the wider community for coming together in a really difficult time.

MOVED: Councillor C Coleman

CARRIED

1.2. Mayoral Minute – 27/10/2025 - Halloween 2025
Councillor Mayor, Cassandra Coleman

Councillor T Evangelidis left the meeting at 7:26 pm.
Councillor T Evangelidis returned to the meeting at 7:28 pm.

Councillor S Ring left the meeting at 7:36 pm.
Councillor S Ring returned to the meeting at 7:36 pm.

25 -251 RESOLVED

THAT Council note the Mayoral Minute on Halloween 2025.

MOVED: Councillor C Coleman

CARRIED

2. Administration Reports

2.1. GM - 27/10/2025 - Council Resolution Action Register**25 -252 RESOLVED**

THAT Council note the October 2025 quarterly report on the Council Resolution Action Register.

MOVED: Councillor E Mahony

SECONDED: Councillor C Coleman

CARRIED

2.4. P&P - 27/10/2025 - Proposed Update to 2025/2026 Fees and Charges**25 -253 RESOLVED**

THAT:

1. The proposed fee increases applicable to the sale and surrender of animals, provided in Table 2 of this report, be accepted in principle as an amendment to the adopted 2025/26 fees and charges and be placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days.
2. The proposed fees as resolved at the 28 October 2024 Council Meeting in relation to the Aquatic Centre be accepted in principle as an amendment to the adopted 2025/2026 fees and charges and placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days.
3. Where no significant public comments are received regarding the proposed amendments, the 2025/26 fees be amended accordingly without further report to Council.

MOVED: Councillor S Ring

SECONDED: Councillor E Mahony

CARRIED

2.5. P&P - 27/10/2025 - DA051/24 Telecommunication Tower- 35-43 Coerwull Road Bowenfels- Determination Report

Councillor E Fredericks left the meeting at 7:59 pm.
Councillor E Fredericks returned to the meeting at 8:00 pm.

25 -254 RESOLVED

THAT:

1. Development Application DA051/24 be REFUSED as it is deemed not to be in the public interest.
2. A DIVISION be called in accordance with the requirements of Section 375A(3) of the Local Government Act 1993.

MOVED: Councillor S Ring

SECONDED: Councillor E Fredericks

CARRIED

A **DIVISION** was called in accordance with the requirements of Section 375A(3) of the Local Government Act, 1993

Divisions

FOR: Councillor C Coleman, Councillor T Evangelidis, Councillor E Fredericks, Councillor E Mahony, Councillor S Ring, Councillor R Smith, Councillor M Statham and Councillor M Ticehurst

AGAINST: Councillor D Goodwin

PROCEDURAL MOTION

THAT the Council move into a short recess at 8:17pm.

MOVED: Councillor E Fredericks

SECONDED: Councillor E Mahony

CARRIED**PROCEDURAL MOTION**

THAT the meeting is reconvened at 8:28 pm.

MOVED: Councillor M Statham

SECONDED: Councillor E Fredericks

CARRIED

2.6. I&PD - 27/10/2025 - Sodwalls/Magpie Hollow Roads Road Tender**25 -255 RESOLVED**

THAT Council:

1. In accordance with Clause 178 (1)(b) of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021*, declines to accept any of the tender submissions for Road Repair works on Sodwalls and Magpie Hollow Roads, tender number TEN13/25.
2. In accordance with Clause 178 (3)(e) of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021*, enter into negotiations with all four conforming tenderers to confirm tendered pricing.
3. Authorise the General Manager to approve the outcome of the negotiations and execute a contract with the highest-ranked tenderer, with the details reported to the next Infrastructure Committee meeting.

MOVED: Councillor S Ring

SECONDED: Councillor E Mahony

CARRIED

3. Council Committee Reports**3.2. WWW - 27/10/2025 - Infrastructure Committee Meeting Minutes - 17 September 2025****25 -256 RESOLVED**

THAT Council note the minutes of the WWW&W Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on 17 September 2025.

MOVED: Councillor S Ring

SECONDED: Councillor E Mahony

CARRIED

3.3. GM - 27/10/2025 - Emerging Economy Committee Minutes - 24 September 2025**25 -257 RESOLVED**

THAT Council

1. Note the minutes of the 24 September 2025 Emerging Economy Committee Meeting.
2. Adopt the LEEP Action Plan Refresh which is included as an attachment to this report.

MOVED: Councillor S Ring

SECONDED: Councillor E Mahony

CARRIED

3.4. I&PD - 27/10/2025 - TALC Minutes - 2 October 2025**25 -258 RESOLVED**

THAT Council:

1. Note the minutes of the TALC Committee Meeting held on 2 October 2025; and
2. Note that the Local Transport Forum supports an application for closure and sale of the western section of Inch / Gay Lane between Tank / Union Lane and Tank Street provided the road closure process is undertaken in accordance with the Roads Act 1993 and Local Government Act 1993 (the subject of a report in confidential session); and
3. Prepare a business case for funding of the installation of wheel stops in the twenty-one (21) parking spaces in the Hassan Street, Lithgow angled parking bay and installation of a 'No Stopping' zone for 55m on the eastern side of Hassan Street, adjacent to the angled parking bays between Mort Street and Bent Street, Lithgow; and
4. Write to both St Patrick's Presbytery and St Patrick's Primary School advising them of the unsafe access issues and proposed mitigating traffic changes; and
5. Update the existing signage for angled parking on Hassan Street to state rear to kerb.

MOVED: Councillor S Ring

SECONDED: Councillor E Fredericks

CARRIED

3.5. I&PD - 27/10/2025 - Infrastructure Committee Meeting Minutes - 7 October 2025**25 -259 RESOLVED**

THAT Council note the minutes of the Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on 7 October 2025.

MOVED: Councillor S Ring

SECONDED: Councillor T Evangelidis

CARRIED

3.6. I&PD - 27/10/2025 - Sports Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes - 8 October 2025

Councillor E Fredericks left the meeting at 9:04 pm.
Councillor E Fredericks returned to the meeting at 9:05 pm.

25 -260 RESOLVED

THAT Council:

1. Note the minutes of the Sports Advisory Committee Meeting held on 8 October 2025; and
2. Accept Elizabeth Turner as the Sports Advisory Committee representative from Lithgow Swimming Club; and
3. Accept Shane Lee & Jessica Wilson as the Sports Advisory Committee representatives from Lithgow Athletics Club.

MOVED: Councillor D Goodwin

SECONDED: Councillor E Mahony

CARRIED

4. Questions with Notice

4.1. QWN - Cr M Ticehurst - 27/10/2025 - Lithgow Greyhound Racing Track

The Question with Notice was tabled.

4.2. QWN - Cr M Ticehurst - Farmland Ratings

The Question with Notice was tabled.

4.3. QWN - Cr M Ticehurst - Financial Grants for NSW Councils for employing Apprentices and Trainees

The Question with Notice was tabled.

4.4. QWN - Cr R Smith - 27/10/2025 - Walking Trail on Old Skip Road Cullen Bullen

The Question with Notice was tabled.

5. Notices of Motion

5.1. NOM - 27/10/2025 - Cr T Evangelidis - Removal of Fluoride

MOTION

THAT Lithgow Council apply to no longer fluoridate its water.

MOVED: Councillor T Evangelidis

SECONDED: Councillor C Coleman

Councillor M Ticehurst called a Point of Order on Councillor T Evangelidis as he had exceeded the five minute time limit for speaking.

The Mayor upheld the Point of Order and asked for an extension of time.

PROCEDURAL MOTION

THAT a three minute extension of time be granted to Councillor T Evangelidis.

MOVED: Councillor S Ring

SECONDED: Councillor D Goodwin

CARRIED

MOTION

THAT Lithgow Council apply to no longer fluoridate its water.

MOVED: Councillor T Evangelidis

SECONDED: Councillor C Coleman

LOST

A **DIVISION** was called by {person}

Divisions

FOR: Councillor T Evangelidis and Councillor D Goodwin

AGAINST: Councillor C Coleman, Councillor E Fredericks, Councillor E Mahony, Councillor S Ring, Councillor R Smith, Councillor M Statham and Councillor M Ticehurst

5.2. NOM - 27/10/2025 - Cr E Mahony - Recent Councillor visit to the Lithgow Waste Management Facility

25 -261 RESOLVED

THAT:

1. A report be brought back to the Community Development, Infrastructure and Finance Committees outlining current and reviewed options for greater levels of reuse in particular the reuse shed.
2. The establishment of a Waste Community Forum is referred to the next Waste Infrastructure Committee meeting.

MOVED: Councillor E Mahony

SECONDED: Councillor R Smith

CARRIED

5.3. NOM - 27/10/2025 - Cr E Mahony - Review of Council's current preparedness for response to drought events

Councillor D Goodwin left the meeting at 9:53 pm.

Councillor D Goodwin returned to the meeting at 9:54 pm.

25 -262 RESOLVED

THAT a report be brought back to the Community Development, Infrastructure and Finance Committees outlining current and reviewed options for drought response and support to our rural communities, farming and horticultural sectors.

MOVED: Councillor E Mahony

SECONDED: Councillor E Fredericks

CARRIED

6. Business of Great Urgency

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

Councillor E Fredericks raised a matter of the traffic lights at the intersection of Great Western Highway, Bayonet Street and Flint McClelland Avenue.

The Mayor took this on notice for referral to the TALC.

Councillor D Goodwin raised the matter of rumours regarding small regional schools in the local area that have been placed in recess which means they are flagged to closed in within a few years.

The Mayor took this on notice and the Administration will look into the matter.

Councillor M Statham raised three matters of concern:

- Old Pizza Hut building on Great Western Highway,
- Old Portland Hospital, and
- Coronation Hotel.

The Mayor took this on notice and the Administration will look into the matter.

The Administration gave advice on the status of the matter of the old Pizza Hut building.

Councillor E Fredericks raised the matter of the lights at the Blast Furnace Park.

The Mayor took this on notice indicating that the staff are working on this matter currently.

7. Closed Council

The Mayor asked if there were any objections from the public with regards to the listed reports being in a session of the meeting that is closed to the public.

There were Nil objections.

25 -263 RESOLVED

THAT Council resolve to move into Closed Council to consider the confidential reports as listed in the business paper at 10:09 pm.

MOVED: Councillor S Ring

SECONDED: Councillor E Fredericks

CARRIED

The Mayor informed the Public that the webcasting will be turned off at this point in the meeting and will be reopened at the end of the session of the meeting that is closed to the public.

Councillor D Goodwin left the meeting at 10:09 pm.

7.1. CONFIDENTIAL - P&P - 27/10/2025 - Proposed closure of part of Tank Union Lane and transfer to Lithgow and District Workmen's Club Ltd

25 -264 RESOLVED

THAT Council:

1. Gives in principle approval to the closure of part of Tank Union Lane and sale of that part to Lithgow & District Workmens Club Ltd.
2. Notes that, following the notification and public exhibition period regarding the proposal to close part of Tank Union Lane, the matter will be reported back to Council for a final determination on the matter.

MOVED: Councillor S Ring

SECONDED: Councillor E Fredericks

CARRIED

25 -265 RESOLVED

THAT Council resolve to return to open Council and inform the public of the resolutions of the session of the meeting that is closed to the public at 10:13pm.

MOVED: Councillor E Fredericks

SECONDED: Councillor S Ring

CARRIED:

The General Manager read the resolution of the Closed Council to the Public Gallery.

There being no further business, the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 10:16 pm.