



MINUTES

Economic Development Committee

held at

Council Administration Centre
Council Chambers
180 Mort Street, Lithgow

on

Monday 4 March 2019

at 5:00 pm

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The Chairperson declared the meeting open at 05:00 pm.

1. Present

Present: Councillor W McAndrew, Councillor C Coleman, Councillor D Goodsell, Councillor S Ring, Councillor J Smith, Councillor M Statham, Councillor S Lesslie - 05:02 pm, Councillor D Goodwin - 5:21 pm

Officers: Graeme Faulkner, Andrew Muir, Andrew Powrie, Trinity Newton - Minutes

Members of the Public invited: Danny Whitty and Robyn Whitty - Wallerawang Progress Association, Katie Churchill and Barry Kavanagh - Retail Working Party Members

2. Apologies

An apology was received from Cr Ray Thompson as he is on personal business.

MOVED: Councillor J Smith

SECONDED: Councillor D Goodsell

CARRIED: Unanimously

3. Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the Economic Development Committee from 3 October 2018 were endorsed by two members of the Committee being: Councillor C Coleman, Councillor J Smith

The minutes were presented to the Council at Ordinary Meeting of Council 29 October 2018.

ACTION

THAT the Minutes of the meeting of 3 October 2018 be taken as read and confirmed.

MOVED: Councillor C Coleman

SECONDED: Councillor J Smith

4. Declaration of Interest

Nil

PROCEDURAL MOTION

THAT Items 6.7 and 6.10 be brought forward to this point in the meeting and dealt with at this time.

MOVED: Councillor J Smith

SECONDED: Councillor D Goodsell

CARRIED

6.7. Presentation by Decline in Retail Working Party

The Decline in Retail Working Party presented the findings from their research.

ACTION / RECOMMENDATION

THAT

1. The Economic Development Committee congratulate and thank the members of the Decline in Retail Working Party for their work and also their presentations, and
2. The report be noted and be further considered at the next meeting of the Economic Development Committee.
3. The recommendations be conveyed to the Lithgow Chamber of Commerce; the Portland Business Association; and Wallerawang Lidsdale Progress Association.

MOVED: Councillor M Statham

SECONDED: Councillor S Ring

CARRIED: Unanimously

6.10. Invitation to Local Chambers and Business Associations

Mr Whitty from the Wallerawang Progress Association spoke to the Committee in relation to the expectations of the Association and appreciated the invitation to attend the Economic Development Committee Meeting.

The Committee were informed that the Lithgow Chamber and Portland Progress Association were invited but the Portland Progress Association were unable to attend. No response was received from the Lithgow Chamber.

ACTION / RECOMMENDATION

THAT the presentation from the Wallerawang Lidsdale Progress Association be received with thanks; an invitation be issued to the Portland Business Association and further invitation be extended to the Lithgow and District Chamber of Commerce to attend a future meeting of the Economic Development Committee.

MOVED: Councillor S Lesslie

SECONDED: Councillor C Coleman

CARRIED: Unanimously

5. Presentations

Nil

6. Staff Reports

6.1. Lithgow Economy Scorecard

ACTION / RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Economic Development Committee note the report on the Lithgow Economic profile and the brief presentation on the scorecard.

MOVED: Councillor S Ring

SECONDED: Councillor J Smith

CARRIED: Unanimously

6.2. Lithgow Tourism Alliance

Administration gave an overview on the Lithgow Local Tourism Organisation.

ACTION / RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Economic Development Committee note the report on the assembly of the Lithgow Tourism Alliance and that the establishment of a Lithgow Local Tourism Organisation will pose future funding and budget considerations.

MOVED: Councillor S Ring

SECONDED: Councillor J Smith

CARRIED: Unanimously

6.3. Lithgow Destination Movie Campaign 2018/2019

ACTION / RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Economic Development Committee note the report and brief presentation on the progress to date on the Lithgow Destination movies development.

MOVED: Councillor S Ring

SECONDED: Councillor J Smith

CARRIED: Unanimously

6.4. Lithgow Halloween 2018

ACTION / RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Economic Development Committee:

1. Note the report and presentation debriefing the Lithgow Halloween 2018 Festival.
2. Businesses from Lithgow's surrounding towns be invited to hold market stalls at Halloween.

MOVED: Councillor M Statham

SECONDED: Councillor C Coleman

CARRIED: Unanimously

6.5. Mount Blaxland Proposed Walking Trail

MOTION

That the Economic Development Committee refer the matter to the Hartley Vale and Mt Blaxland Land Managers Group.

MOVED: Councillor S Ring

SECONDED: Councillor J Smith

AMENDMENT

THAT the Economic Development Committee provides 'in principle' support into the establishment of walking track access to Mt Blaxland Note the proposed project requires further information on costs and liabilities before any further support can be contemplated.

MOVED: Councillor S Lesslie

SECONDED: Councillor C Coleman

The previous amendments were withdrawn by the Movers.

ACTION / RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Economic Development Committee:

1. Provides 'in principle' support into the establishment of walking track access to Mt Blaxland Note the proposed project requires further information on costs and liabilities before any further support can be contemplated.
2. The Hartley Vale and Mt Blaxland Land Managers Group be included in the discussion of the matter.

MOVED: Councillor M Statham

SECONDED: Councillor D Goodsell

CARRIED

6.6. Development of 5 Industry Clusters/Networks to advance Economic Development Outcomes

ACTION / RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council endorses the assembly of 5 industry clusters/networks:

1. Lithgow Home Based Business Network.
2. Lithgow Tourism Alliance.
3. Lithgow Smart Cities and Communities Network.
4. Lithgow Young Professionals Network.
5. Lithgow Workforce Capability Cluster.

MOVED: Councillor M Statham

SECONDED: Councillor J Smith

CARRIED: Unanimously

6.7. Presentation by Decline in Retail Working Party

This item was dealt with earlier in the meeting.

6.8. Progress Update on Lithgow REDS

ACTION / RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Economic Development Committee note the presentation on progress against the Lithgow REDS for the first 8 months of 2018/2019.

MOVED: Councillor M Statham

SECONDED: Councillor S Lesslie

CARRIED: Unanimously

6.9. Invitation to Small Business Commissioner

ACTION / RECOMMENDATION

THAT the NSW Small Business Commissioner be invited to attend Council on 2 September 2019 to informally meet with members of the Economic Development Committee.

MOVED: Councillor S Ring

SECONDED: Councillor D Goodsell

CARRIED: Unanimously

6.10. Invitation to Local Chambers and Business Associations

This item was dealt with earlier in the meeting.

6.3. Lithgow Destination Movie Campaign 2018/2019

The Movies were reviewed by the Committee.

7. General Business

Nil

8. Meeting Close

Next Meeting: Monday of 3rd June 2019 at 5pm in the Council Chambers.

There being no further business the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 07:27 pm.