



Minutes

Community Development Committee
Tuesday 8 September 2020
4:00pm

Item	Agenda
1	Welcome/present/ apologies
2	Confirmation of minutes
3	Business arising from previous minutes
4	Financial Assistance
5	Community Recovery Officer Update
6	Update on current projects
7	General Business
8	Next meeting

ITEM: 1 PRESENT AND APOLOGIES

PRESENT: Clr Statham, Leanne Walding, Kas Hilton, Gaye MacFarlane, Glenda Anthes and Rachael Young

APOLOGIES: Clr Coleman

OFFICERS: Matthew Johnson, Rachel Nicoll and Ali Kim

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS: Leanne Walding declared an interest in Item 4, Financial Assistance, left the room and did not participate in discussion of that matter.

ACTION

THAT The Present, Apologies and Declaration of Interests be noted.

MOVED: Rachael Young **SECONDED:** Kas Hilton

ITEM: 2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the 14 July 2020 meeting were endorsed by three people who were present and will be reported to Council on 24 August 2020.

ACTION

THAT The endorsement of the Minutes of the 14 July 2020 meeting by three people present and their reporting to Council 24 August 2020 be noted.

MOVED: Glenda Anthes **SECONDED:** Leanne Walding

ITEM: 3 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

3.1 Financial Assistance

The Committee's recommendations were reported to Council on 27 July 2020 where Council resolved to approve all the Committee's recommendations other than the Women's shed application pending the receipt of further information. This was then reported to Council on 24 August 2020 where Council resolved to approve \$3,000 financial assistance as per the Committee's recommendation.

3.2 Oakey Park Oval Naming Proposal

The Committee's recommendation to rename Oakey Park Oval to the Beryl Davis Memorial Oval was reported to Council on 27 July 2020 where Council resolved to

place the matter on public exhibition. The closing date for submissions is 11 September 2020.

3.3 Naming Proposals Hugh Doherty and Ralph and Ettie Holloway

Council resolved on 24 August 2020 to:

- Consider requests to install commemorative signage in Main Street Lithgow recognising the late Hugh Doherty and the late Ralph and Ettie Holloway.
- Develop a policy to guide future recognition initiatives in a planned and coherent way.

ACTION

THAT the Business Arising from the Previous Minutes be noted.

MOVED: Leanne Walding

SECONDED: Gaye MacFarlane

ITEM: 4 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

SUMMARY

Council has received a late request from Lithgow Information and Neighbourhood Centre for Financial Assistance to partially offset rent paid to Lithgow Council.

COMMENTARY

LINC is the primary provider of services for the Lithgow community including services for frail aged people, people with a disability and people facing social and economic disadvantage. LINC currently pays \$36,000 pa to Council for its premises and for many years Council has provided financial assistance to LINC to partially offset the rent.

Council approved \$7,500 rental assistance to LINC in 2019/20.

LINC has requested \$15,500 rental assistance for this year. This exceeds the amounts approved by Council in previous years and exceeds the level of remaining Financial Assistance - Council has approved \$107,677 financial assistance in the current year of which \$100,696 has been allocated, leaving a balance of \$6,981. Based on experience from previous years, some of the remaining balance is likely to be needed to fund additional financial assistance approvals by Council in the current financial year.

Leanne Walding declared an interest in this matter, left the room and did not participate in discussion.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council provide \$6,000 Non-Recurrent Financial Assistance to Lithgow Information and Neighbourhood Centre for rental assistance.

MOVED: Kas Hilton

SECONDED: Gaye MacFarlane

ITEM: 5 COMMUNITY RECOVERY PROJECT UPDATE

SUMMARY

Rachel Nicoll provided an update on the Community Recovery Project

COMMENTARY

In bushfire recovery:

- Council's outreach survey was released to impacted residents at the beginning of September and we're seeing a strong number of responses across communities.
- Our final two Bushfire recovery drop-in sessions were held on Thursday 20 and 27 August. The first session was attended by services supporting recovery and the second session received five new walk-ins who we were able to connect with available assistance. This service is being moved to a bushfire recovery on wheels' service going directly to communities.
- In the built environment the Public Land Boundary Fence Program (which repairs fencing adjoining public land) has received 51 applicants across Lithgow LGA postcodes: 30 of these have been funded or recommended. 41kms funded with an average length of 1.37km or in total \$206K.
- Laing O'Rourke the agents for tree removal has completed its current program of works for the Lithgow LGA with a total of 100 eligible properties completed and clearance certificates due to come to Council.
- Council continues to invest heavily in connecting with agencies and services offering bushfire recovery assistance and grants and time in DA applications and assisting residents with dangerous trees, fencing, pests and weeds.

ACTION

THAT the update on the Community Recovery Project be noted.

MOVED: Rachael Young

SECONDED: Leanne Walding

ITEM: 6 UPDATE ON CURRENT PROJECTS

SUMMARY

A report was given on current projects:

International Women's Day: for 2020 this will be an online project with interviews of local women and their success/learning from being in male dominated industries. We will be interviewing them, making videos and promoting on social media in the lead up to International Women's Day.

Ability Awards: Also online for covid safety, we will interview each nominee and promote on social media.

Planet Youth: Is an ongoing project 1 year into the 3 year pilot. Working to build protective factors-family connection, community engagement, education and leisure and to reduce risk factors- isolation, disengagement, early drug and alcohol use.

Lithgow Pump Track

Tenders are about to close for design and construction.

Lake Pillans Boardwalk

Tenders are about to open for construction of new boardwalks to replace those destroyed in December 2019 bushfire.

Accessible fishing pontoon

Paul Toole has announced funding to Council for a floating fishing pontoon at Lake Wallace to enable fishers in wheelchairs or otherwise mobility impaired to fish from the shoreline.

Union Theatre

The installation of the lifts and light/sound system upgrades are to be finalised before end of September. Front of stage works including painting, floor repair, furnishings and back of stage air-conditioning (all funded under the Drought Round 2 program) are progressing well and are to be finished by end October.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT

1. The discussion on Current projects be noted\
2. Council approach Paul Toole, Minister for Regional Transport and Roads, seeking his support for installation of tourism signage to the Adventure Playground.

MOVED: Gaye MacFarlane

SECONDED: Kas Hilton

ITEM: 7

GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

ITEM 8: NEXT MEETING:

Next Meeting: 4:00-5:00pm on Tuesday 10 November in the Committee Room

There being no further business the meeting closed at 4.50pm