



# Minutes

Community Development Committee  
Tuesday 9 February 2021  
4:00pm

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

**ITEM: 1       PRESENT AND APOLOGIES**

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**PRESENT:** Clr Coleman, Clr Statham, Leanne Walding, Rachael Young, Glenda Anthes and Gaye MacFarlane

**APOLOGIES:** Kas Hilton and Brian Williamson

**OFFICERS:** Matthew Johnson

**DECLARATION OF INTERESTS: NIL**

**ACTION**

**THAT** The Present and Apologies and Declarations of Interest be noted.

**MOVED:** Rachael Young

**SECONDED:** Clr Statham

**ITEM: 2       CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

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The Minutes of the 10 November 2020 meeting were endorsed by three people who were present and will be reported to Council on 22 February 2021.

**ACTION**

**THAT** The endorsement of the Minutes of the 10 November 2020 meeting by three people present and their reporting to Council 22 February 2021 be noted.

**MOVED:** Glenda Anthes

**SECONDED:** Gaye MacFarlane

**ITEM: 3       BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

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**1. Signage to Ida Falls and Evans Crown**

Staff reported back that the signage pointing to Evans Crown from Sodwalls Road is in place. Councillor Statham will follow up with the person who raised the matter. Signage to Ida Falls is still to be investigated.

**2. Australia Day Awards**

As there was no quorum at the scheduled December committee meeting, committee members provided their votes by email which were then tallied by Council staff. The Committee noted that an administrative error was made by Council staff in the awarding of the 2021 Australia Day Awards which resulted in George and Fay Quinell

not receiving a Volunteer of the Year Open Award. It was agreed that they be contacted and invited to a Mayoral Reception to receive the award with the Community Development Committee to be invited.

There was further discussion on the need for streamlining the nomination process, seeking earlier nominations during the year and investigating relevance of the Council Code of Conduct.

## **ACTION**

### **THAT**

1. The discussion under Business Arising be noted.
2. George and Fay Quinell be invited to a Mayoral Reception to receive a Volunteer of the Year Open Award with the Community Development Committee to be invited.
3. Council staff report back to a future committee meeting on proposals for streamlining and improving the nomination process.

**MOVED:** Rachael Young

**SECONDED:** Glenda Anthes

## **ITEM: 4 COMMUNITY RECOVERY PROJECT UPDATE**

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### **SUMMARY**

An update on the Community Recovery Project

### **COMMENTARY**

Council's Community Recovery Officer has been on leave therefore no update was provided other than in relation to the Bushfire Community Grants program that is currently open and will close on 21 February. It is proposed that the applications be presented to an Extraordinary Community Development Committee meeting on Tuesday 9 March for consideration and for reporting to Council at its 22 March meeting.

## **ACTION**

**THAT** the discussion of the Bushfire Community Grants program be noted.

**MOVED:** Leanne Walding

**SECONDED:** Gaye MacFarlane

## **ITEM: 5 UPDATE ON CURRENT PROJECTS**

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### **SUMMARY**

A report was given on current projects.

### **COMMENTARY**

An update was provided in relation to the following:

**Union Theatre:** All front of stage works are complete or close to completion with the theatre soon to be open for public use including by the Lithgow Musical Society.

**Facility Upgrades Portland and Wallerawang Skateparks:** Shade sails have been installed and new toilets will be installed at both locations over the next 2 months.

**Pump Track:** Concept design work is underway with a community consultation will be held in mid-February.

**Future Finders:** Council has been successful in obtaining approximately \$42,000 grant funding for the Create Lithgow project, a year-long project of professional development for young people in the creative industries. These young people will develop skills in event management, media and communications, self-publishing, recording and contracts, sound mixing and various other aspects of the creative industry.

**Harmony Day:** A "Rice of the World" event will be held at Cook street Plaza on 21 March 2021 starting at 10am.

**Youth Drop-in Space:** Council, Planet Youth Lithgow and Headspace Lithgow are launching a new drop in space for young people to be held every Tuesday during school term, at Hometown Café from 3:30pm. The new drop in space will give an opportunity for young people to collaborate with other artists and musician, as well as a place to just hang out.

## **ACTION**

**THAT** The discussion of current projects be noted

**MOVED:** Clr Statham

**SECONDED:** Gaye MacFarlane

## **ITEM: 6 GENERAL BUSINESS**

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**1. Adventure Playground Signage:** RMS agreed in 2020 to install white on blue signage west of the adventure playground however it hasn't yet been installed. Council staff to follow up.

**2. Saville Park playground equipment:** Clr Statham advised that the local community has raised funds for new playground equipment. This matter to be referred to Council's Building and Recreation Manager.

**3. Opera at Union Theatre.** Discussions are still underway with a view to a late 2021 or early 2022 performance.

### **4. First Nations Issues**

Clr Coleman brought to the committee's attention correspondence she has received from several community members raising concerns about the racism they have experienced, the lack of recognition given by Council and the broader community to First Nations people and most recently, vilification they have faced on social media and elsewhere for their views on changing the date of Australia Day.

The committee asked that the Mayor be requested to prepare a Mayoral Minute to a meeting of Council detailing that Council does not condone racism and vilification and to call for development of a road map for Council to develop a more meaningful partnership with the indigenous community.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT** the Mayor be requested to prepare a Mayoral Minute to a meeting of Council detailing that Council does not condone racism and vilification and to call for development of a road map for Council to develop a more meaningful partnership with the indigenous community.

**MOVED:** Gaye MacFarlane

**SECONDED:** Glenda Anthes

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**There being no further business the meeting closed at 5:10 pm**

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday 9 March 2021 at 4:00pm to review the Bushfire Community Grants program applications.