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Lithgow City Council  
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Dear Mr Johnson (Matthew),

I wish to submit my “Expression of Interest” to become a member of the Community Development Committee with Lithgow City Council, as I represent the community development of the Lithgow Community in my role at Lithgow Information and Neighbourhood centre. Additionally I am a person with a disability who can also provide a lived experience.

Throughout my employment / volunteer history I have worked in community service industries which has seen a diverse range of support for many local people in our community. I wish to continue this proactive community involvement allowing all people to have a voice and access every opportunity they should choose within the local area.

Under the previous model of the Disability Access Committee which merged with the Community Development Committee I was a community representative from Dec 2015. During this time, I provided valuable support to this group through my proactive commitment to meetings, research and planning, agenda item feedback and support of the transport submission.

Additionally, I am a person with a disability as I have Multiple Sclerosis – relapsing remitting at this stage. This is a progressive neurological illness and as such I have developed mobility and balance issues, which have, heightened my awareness that accessibility is paramount for social inclusion and have experienced the limitations within our local community.

I hope you give my expression of interest due consideration and I look forward to your reply.

Many thanks

Yours faithfully

Leanne Walding