



MINUTES

Economic Development Committee

held at

Council Administration Centre
Council Chambers
180 Mort Street, Lithgow

on

Tuesday 17 May 2022

at 6:00 PM

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The Chairperson declared the meeting open at 6:05 pm.

1. Present

Public: Nil

Her Worship the Mayor Councillor M Statham
Councillor A Bryce
Councillor C Coleman
Councillor D Goodwin (via Zoom)
Councillor S Lesslie
Councillor E Mahony
Councillor C O' Connor

Also in attendance

Craig Butler, General Manager
Andrew Muir, Director Economic Development and Environment (via Zoom)
Simon Francis, Tourism Manager
Trinity Newton, Minutes Secretary

2. Apologies

An apology was received and leave of absence granted to Councillor D Goodsell and Councillor S McGhie who were unable to attend due to work commitments.

PROCEDURAL MOTION

That a leave of absence be granted to Councillor D Goodsell and Councillor S McGhie.

MOVED: Councillor E Mahony

SECONDED: Councillor C Coleman

CARRIED

3. Staff Reports

3.1. ECDEV - 17/05/2022 - Lithgow Regional Marketing Cooperative Terms of Reference and new members

RECOMMENDATION / ACTION

THAT Council defer consideration of item 1 below until consideration of the report numbered 3.3 and endorse items 2 and 3.

1. A name change of the Lithgow Regional Marketing Co-operative to the 'Seven Valleys Regional Marketing Cooperative',
 2. the updated Terms of Reference outlined in this report,
 3. the new members of the Co-Operative being:-
 - Kelley Crane – Naturally by Nature, representing the Retail sector
 - Wendy Stephens – Belle Bois Bed and Breakfast, representing the Accommodation sector
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- Emily Kirkwood – Hartley House, representing the Accommodation, Wedding and Conference sector
- Emily Seliscar – Hometown Café, representing the Café and Restaurant sector
- Louise Clifton – National Parks and Wildlife Service Visitor Experience Manager, representing National Parks.

MOVED: Councillor C O'Connor

SECONDED: Councillor A Bryce

CARRIED:

3.2. ECDEV - Hassans Walls Trail Running Event

RECOMMENDATION / ACTION

THAT the information on the Hassans Walls Trail Running event be received.

MOVED: Councillor A Bryce

SECONDED: Councillor C O'Connor

CARRIED

Councillor D Goodwin entered the meeting at 6:26pm.

3.3. ECDEV Future direction of the 'Seven Valleys' concept

RECOMMENDATION / ACTION

THAT:

1. The 'Seven Valleys' be endorsed as a tourism 'brand' and adopted by Lithgow Tourism for use in all administrative and marketing capacities as 'Seven Valleys Tourism and Events' as outlined in the recommended actions part of this report, and;
2. A name change of the Lithgow Regional Marketing Co-operative to the 'Seven Valleys Regional Marketing Cooperative' be endorsed,

MOVED: Councillor C Coleman

SECONDED: Councillor C O'Connor

CARRIED

3.4. ECDEV - 17/05/2022 - Regional Economic Development Strategies (REDS) Report

RECOMMENDATION / ACTION

THAT the information on the update of Regional Economic Development Strategies be received.

MOVED: Councillor C O'Connor

SECONDED: Councillor E Mahony

CARRIED

3.5. ECDEV - 17/05/2022 - Property Portfolio

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.

ACTION

THAT Council resolve to move into Closed Council to consider the confidential reports as listed in the business paper at 7:56PM.

MOVED: Councillor C Coleman

SECONDED: Councillor E Mahony

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.

RECOMMENDATION / ACTION

THAT the presentation on key aspects of Council's property portfolio be received and a further report come back on the key matters discussed.

MOVED: Councillor S Lesslie

SECONDED: Councillor C O'Connor

CARRIED

4. General Business

No general business was discussed.

There being no further business the Mayor closed the meeting at 7:55pm.