

SPORTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

TUESDAY 25 JUNE 2013

PRESENT

Councillor Ray Thompson (Chairman), Councillor Maree Statham, Councillor Frank Inzitari, Mr Neil Hutchinson, Mr Glen Ryan, Mr Peter Hughes, Mr John Legge, Mr David Peters, Mrs Debbie Williams, Mr Iain Stewart (Group Manager Operations), Mr Terry Nolan (Recreation Supervisor), and Miss Leanne Kearney (Assets and Project Engineer).

APOLOGIES

Apologies were submitted by Mr Danny Whitty, Mrs Robyn Whitty, and Mrs Helen Hughes.

The Committee resolved to accept the apologies from Mr Danny Whitty, Mrs Robyn Whitty, and Mrs Helen Hughes.

REPORT

ITEM 1 - DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Nil.

ITEM 2 - MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the Sports Advisory Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, 28 May 2013, were adopted by Council on 17 June 2013.

ITEM 3 - BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- Councillor Frank Inzitari advised that the 12 years Lazers Boys Basketball team and the 16 years Lazers Girls Basketball teams won western carnivals in late May 2013, and may be eligible for the LJ Hooker Reg Cowden Memorial Junior Sports Star of the Month Award. Miss Leanne Kearney will contact Ms Rae Swift from the Lithgow Basketball Association to confirm these teams achievement and seek nomination for the next meeting.
- Mr John Legge advised that there were four (4) girls from Lithgow High School that were members of the Western Region hockey team that won a Championship, and may also be eligible for the LJ Hooker Reg Cowden Memorial Junior Sports Star of the Month Award. Miss Leanne Kearney will contact Lithgow High School to confirm this teams achievement and seek nomination for the next meeting.
- Councillor Frank Inzitari advised that the goal post pads have been received from the Penrith Club, and the Club have placed Lithgow on their list for donation of used equipment in future years. The Committee resolved to send a letter of thanks to the Club, and a media release will also be prepared in relation to this matter.

The Committee resolved for appropriate actions to be undertaken in relation to the items raised during business arising from the previous minutes.

MOVED: Frank Inzitari

SECONDED: Neil Hutchinson

ITEM 4 – FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE REQUESTS

Requests for financial assistance have been received from Bryce Chapman and Chad Heath after their selection in the NSR Soccer Australia Program. This selection provides Bryce & Chad with the opportunity to go to college or university in America studying the subject of their choice, and while there, train twice per week and play two (2) games of soccer per week, with coaching by a professional coach. It is hoped that Bryce & Chad will then be offered a scholarship to help cover costs while attending this program. Initial cost for entry into the NSR Soccer Australia Program is \$4,995.00 each, and does not include airfares. It is recommended that Council provide Bryce Chapman and Chad Heath with \$500.00 each toward the cost of participating in the NSR Soccer Australia Program, as participation will see them representing Lithgow in the USA during their involvement in this program.

The Committee resolved to recommend Council provide Bryce Chapman and Chad Heath with \$500.00 each toward the cost of participating in the NSR Soccer Australia Program.

MOVED: Debbie Williams

SECONDED: Maree Statham

ITEM 5 – 2013 LJ HOOKER REG COWDEN MEMORIAL SPORTS STAR OF THE YEAR AWARDS

There were no written Junior nominations received for April or May 2013.

Councillor Frank Inzitari advised that one of the junior girls hockey team won a carnival last weekend, and this would be nominated for the June achievements, as well as Darcy Allen and Pacey Stockton for their rugby league achievements.

MONTH	RECIPIENT
January	Jessie Luchetti (Hockey)
February	Morgan Watts (Athletics)
March	Ryan O'Donnell (Swimming)
April	
May	
June	
July	
August	
September	
October	
November	

There were no written Senior nominations received for 2013.

MONTH	RECIPIENT
January	Brian Judge, Mark Sheppard, Trevor Schram and John Frame (Lawn Bowls)
February	Jeff Madden, Bob Brown, Sam Forbes and Garry Green (Lawn Bowls)
March	No nominations received
April	Ian Nightingale (Golf)
May	
June	
July	
August	
September	
October	
November	

The Committee resolved for a review of junior and senior sporting achievement as reported in the Lithgow Mercury for April and May 2013 be presented to the next meeting for determination.

MOVED: Maree Statham

SECONDED: Frank Inzitari

ITEM 6 – BOOKING REQUESTS

The following bookings were received between 29 May 2013 and 25 June 2013, and do not conflict with any other approved bookings.

WATSFORD OVAL, LITHGOW			
User	Dates / Times	Purpose	Comments
Cricket NSW	8.00am to 3.30pm on Friday, 30 th August 2013	T20 Blast School Cup	Approved subject to standard conditions
Lithgow Flash Carnival Committee	8.00am – 12.00 midnight on Saturday, 30 th November 2013	Lithgow Flash Carnival	Approved subject to standard conditions
CONRAN OVAL, LITHGOW			
User	Dates / Times	Purpose	Comments
Cricket NSW	8.00am to 3.30pm on Friday, 30 th August 2013	T20 Blast School Cup	Approved subject to standard conditions
TONY LUCHETTI SPORTSGROUND, LITHGOW			
User	Dates / Times	Purpose	Comments
Lithgow Flash Carnival Committee	Daily between 8.00am – 12.00 midnight from Thursday, 28 th November 2013 to Saturday, 30 th November 2013	Lithgow Flash Carnival	Approved subject to standard conditions
Lithgow Storm Junior RLFC	Exclusive use between 8.00am and 3.00pm on Saturday, 14 th September 2013	Group 10 Junior Rugby League Grand Final	Approved subject to standard conditions
JIM MONAGHAN ATHLETICS OVAL, LITHGOW			
User	Dates / Times	Purpose	Comments
Lithgow Public School	Between 8.00am and 3.00pm on Wednesday, 31 st July 2013 (alternative date Friday, 9 th August 2013)	District Athletics Carnival	Approved subject to standard conditions
LITHGOW WAR MEMORIAL OLYMPIC SWIMMING POOL, LITHGOW			
User	Dates / Times	Purpose	Comments
Western School Sports Association	Between 10.00am and 3.00pm weekdays from Monday, 18 th November 2013 to Friday, 29 th November 2013	School Swimming Scheme 2013	Use of two (2) edge lanes with no dividing rope is required, approved subject to standard conditions

The Committee resolved for all bookings detailed in Item 6 to be approved.

MOVED: Frank Inzitari

SECONDED: Peter Hughes

ITEM 7 – CIVIC BALLROOM BOOKINGS – LITHGOW VILLAGE MARKETS 2014

Correspondence has been received from the Lithgow Village Markets requesting permission to use the Civic Ballroom between 7.00am and 3.00pm on the last Sunday of each month of 2014.

These dates are:

- 23 February
- 23 March (unavailable due to use by the Lithgow Show Society)
- 27 April (unavailable due to use by Ironfest)
- 25 May
- 22 June
- 27 July
- 24 August
- 28 September
- 26 October
- 23 November

It is noted that these dates may conflict with proposed dates for district cricket as well as Group 10 Rugby League matches, however, when the draws for these sports become available, discussions will need to take place with the organisers to negotiate any possible shared use.

The Committee resolved to accept the dates requested for 2014 for use of the Civic Ballroom by the Lithgow Village Markets, provided discussion takes place with any affected sporting body when 2014 draws are finalised.

MOVED: Frank Inzitari

SECONDED: Peter Hughes

ITEM 8 - GENERAL BUSINESS

- Mr Terry Nolan advised that the scoreboard for Tony Luchetti Sportsground, Lithgow has been completed, and is at King's Engineering awaiting engineering specifications for the footing. Hopefully (weather dependant) the footings can be poured on Thursday, 27 June 2013, and the scoreboard craned into place after a few days for the footings to cure. Then Council's Electrician will connect power to the scoreboard for use.
- Councillor Frank Inzitari enquired if responses had been received from companies approached for sponsorship of the scoreboard. Miss Leanne Kearney advised that Delta Electricity and Centennial Coal have both replied that they are unable to provide sponsorship, but no reply has been received from the other four companies approached.
- Mr Peter Hughes requested that the power supply to the Lithgow bears Club Room in the Ashley Grandstand at Tony Luchetti Sportsground, Lithgow be separated from the supply to the Lithgow Workmen's Club Rooms, as the circuit gets overloaded when they turn on their heaters. Mr Iain Stewart advised that Council's Electrician will investigate this and arrange for any necessary action to be undertaken.
- Mrs Debbie Williams requested Council to investigate the trees adjacent to the back courts, as their limbs are overhanging the fence and dropping onto the surface, with the potential to damage the court surface. Mr Terry Nolan advised that trimming works were undertaken last year, however, another investigation will be undertaken, and any necessary works arranged.
- Mr Peter Hughes advised that the Lithgow Storm Junior RLFC and Lithgow Bears keys would not open the cleaning store room in the canteen at Ashley Grandstand last weekend, and they were unable to access mops to clean the floor surface. Mr Terry Nolan advised that he will investigate the lock, and arrange for necessary works to allow access.
- Councillor Frank Inzitari enquired if Tony Luchetti Sportsground, Lithgow has the capacity to cater for an NRL rugby league game, and whether Council has made any approaches to secure a rugby league game in Lithgow. Miss Leanne Kearney advised that after Council submitted an expression of interest to host the 2011 City versus Country match, Council sent further requests to NRL Clubs seeking interest in hosting trial games in Lithgow, with favourable response received from Melbourne Storm (however their trials for the next five (5) years have been allocated). Councillor Frank Inzitari enquired if Council could chase a general round of NRL rather than a trial, similar to the Eels versus

Titans game recently held in Mudgee. Councillor Maree Statham advised that she has spoken with Council's Tourism Manager, Ms Kellie Barrow in relation to this matter, and response received was that the trotting track surrounding the playing field prevented games being played at Tony Luchetti Sportsground, Lithgow.

- Mr Peter Hughes advised that when he was at Tony Luchetti Sportsground, Lithgow on Sunday there were cars and rugby players having their photos taken. Miss Leanne Kearney advised that Council granted permission last week for a British journalist to take photos with a car company at Tony Luchetti Sportsground, Lithgow for an upcoming magazine story.
- Mr Neil Hutchinson expressed his disappointment that at the last Council meeting, Councillor Col Hunter moved a motion for Council to revoke \$1,000 financial assistance from the Hampton Cricket Club, and revote this funding to the Lithgow City Band. Councillor Maree Statham advised that discussions have taken place between Council and the Lithgow City Band after their major funding contributor advised they are unable to provide future sponsorship, and Councillor Col Hunter had had discussions with the Hampton Crick Club prior to moving this motion.

The Committee resolved for appropriate actions and reporting to be undertaken in relation to the items raised during general business.

MOVED: Frank Inzitari

SECONDED:

Peter Hughes

The meeting closed at 5.27pm.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT

1. Council provide financial assistance of \$1,000.00 from the current allocation for Financial Assistance for Sporting Representations (\$500.00 for Bryce Chapman and \$500.00 for Chad Heath); and
2. Council note the minutes of the Sports Advisory Committee meeting held on Tuesday, 25 June 2013.