



Minutes

Community Development Committee

Tuesday 8 October 2013

Lithgow City Council

Committee Room

5.00 – 6.00 pm

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ITEM: 1 PRESENT AND APOLOGIES

Present: Mayor Maree Statham, Councillor Joe McGuinness, Renee Difrancio and Helen Riley

Apologies: Pippa Childs and Elwyn Wolfenden

Officers: Ally Shelton, Matthew Johnson and Robbie Park

Declaration of Interests: NIL

ACTION

THAT the present and apologies be accepted

MOVED: Renae Difrancio
Carried

SECONDED: Ally Shelton

ITEM: 2 PREVIOUS MINUTES

There were no previous minutes of the committee.

ITEM : 3 AUSTRALIA DAY 2014

SUMMARY

A report was provided on progress to date in organising the 2014 Australia Day event.

COMMENTARY

Council's Events' Coordinator provided a report on planning to date:

- The Lithgow event is to be a twilight event at Queen Elizabeth Park with the official ceremony starting at 4.00pm with twilight markets and entertainment. Some activities will also be held at the pool.
- A band is being sourced for entertainment. It was agreed that "The Fabulous Shappels" be booked.
- A waterslide has been confirmed for the pool.
- Markets are yet to be confirmed.
- A range of other entertainment is to be booked including belly dancers, line dancers, Lithgow Pipe Band and Lithgow City Band.
- **Insurances:** Council will be able to take out a package of public liability insurance for the event to cover participating small organisations with no public liability insurance. Participating organisations which currently have some public liability insurance, but to a value less than the required \$20m, will have to top up the value themselves.
- It was advised that nominations are open for the Citizen of the Year Awards to be announced on Australia Day and Council is yet to be advised of who will be the 2014 Lithgow Australia Day Ambassador.

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ACTION

THAT the report on planning for the 2014 Australia Day events be noted.

MOVED: Ally Shelton
Carried

SECONDED: Helen Riley

ITEM : 4 RECOGNITION OF SIR JOSEPH COOK

SUMMARY

A report was provided on steps being taken by Council to recognise Sir Joseph Cook.

COMMENTARY

Following consideration of earlier proposals to recognise Sir Joseph Cook, Council resolved on 19 August 2013 to place on public exhibition for 28 days, a proposal to name the new boardwalk and lookout on Hassans Walls as Sir Joseph Cook Lookout.

The proposal was subsequently exhibited for 28 days until 27 September 2013 and a report is to go to Council on 28 October 2013 on the submissions received during the exhibition period.

ACTION

THAT the report on plans to recognize Sir Joseph Cook be noted.

MOVED: Renee Difranco
Carried

SECONDED: Clr Joe McGuinness

ITEM : 5 SIGNAGE MARJORIE JACKSON PLAZA

SUMMARY

There was discussion on the installation of interpretive and place signage at the newly named Marjorie Jackson Plaza

COMMENTARY

Advice has recently been received from the Geographic Names Board of NSW advising that they are undertaking a review of their Commemorative Naming Policy and that as a result they have deferred approval of the renaming of Cook Street Plaza to Marjorie Jackson Plaza and Church Street Park to Jim Robson Park until after the review is completed. This advice is to be reported to Council on 28 October 2013.

Accordingly, place signage can't yet be installed at either location. The committee agreed however that suitable interpretive signage on Marjorie Jackson be installed in the plaza.

ACTION

THAT the report on the installation of interpretive and place signage at the newly named Marjorie Jackson Plaza be noted.

MOVED: Renee Difranco
Carried

SECONDED: Ally Shelton

ITEM : 6 ESKBANK HOUSE FENCE

SUMMARY

A report was provided on the installation of replacement fencing at Eskbank house.

COMMENTARY

The committee was advised that Council resolved on 30 September 2013 to install new heritage style fencing along the Inch and Bennet Street boundaries of Eskbank House to deter unauthorised entry to the site. The new fencing will be post and rail style with a feature section on the Inch and Bennet Street corner. Quotes are currently being finalised and it is hoped that the fencing can be installed before the end of 2013.

ACTION

THAT the report on the installation of new fencing at Eskbank House and Museum be noted.

MOVED: Helen Riley
Carried

SECONDED: Renee Difranco

ITEM : 7 WAR MEMORIAL QUEEN ELIZABETH PARK

SUMMARY

There was discussion on a proposal to recognize people who were casualties of World War 11 on the Queen Elizabeth Park War Memorial.

COMMENTARY

Council resolved On 30 September 2013 to place on public exhibition for 28 days, a proposal to add the names of casualties of World War II to the blank marble face of the existing War Memorial in Queen Elizabeth Park. Council has also sought advice from the Office of War Graves and the Lithgow RSL Sub-Branch.

The list of names has been compiled by Janice Marshall and Lorraine Ryan from records of the Office of War Graves and local records including the Lithgow High School Honour Board and Lithgow Mercury.

The list includes people with a connection to Lithgow either through birth or having lived in Lithgow prior to enlistment who died in active service or as prisoners of war and is available from the Lithgow City Council website. (www.lithgow.nsw.gov.au), or from Council's Customer Service counter.

The public exhibition period closes on 12 November 2013 after which the matter will be reported back to Council.

ACTION

THAT the report on recognition of people who were casualties of World War 11 on the Queen Elizabeth Park War Memorial be noted

MOVED: Renee Difranco
Carried

SECONDED: Ally Shelton

ITEM : 8 UPDATE ON CURRENT PROJECTS

SUMMARY

An update was provided on a number of current or recently completed projects undertaken within Community and Culture.

COMMENTARY

Lithgow History Avenue

A very successful launch of the History Avenue Sculpture project on Inch Street was held on 9 September at Eskbank House. All but one of the sculpture works are in place and feedback from the community has been positive. A website has been created to provide detail on the project and historical content and links to the events that are depicted in the sculptures - lithgow.com/historyavenue. The project will be completed with installation of a final piece near the Blast Furnace Park entrance as part of an open air sculpture park where visiting exhibitions can be located. Work is also continuing on assessing the viability of a walk and cycleway over the disused railway bridge near the Blast Furnace entrance to link Lake Pillans with Eskbank House.

Blast Furnace Park

Work is underway to improve community safety and to enhance interpretive signage.

Pearson's Lookout

The road to the lookout has been graded and sealed and new signage has been ordered. Quotes are being obtained for new fencing and possibly for a small viewing platform.

Bowenfels Gun Emplacement Site

Council has contracted the Lithgow State Mine heritage Railway group in conjunction with Verto Employment Agency to clean, paint and restore the 4 guns and undertake cleanup works at the Bowenfels Gun Emplacement site which dates from World War 11. New interpretive signage will also be installed.

Grandparents' Day

A celebration to recognise grandparents and their contribution to families and the community will be held at Hartley Historic Site on Sunday 27 October 2013. This is the third time Council has organized an event for Grandparents' Day.

ACTION

THAT the report on current projects be noted.

MOVED: Ally Shelton
Carried

SECONDED: Helen Riley

ITEM : 9 GENERAL BUSINESS

SUMMARY

There discussion on the current community survey being undertaken by Council on the location of new public toilets in the CBD.

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COMMENTARY

An online survey is currently open seeking community views on the best location/s for public toilets in Lithgow CBD. The response has been quite high. It was agreed however that in order to ensure the broadest possible participation, other survey methods be used including face to face interviews and inviting people through an article in the Lithgow Mercury to complete written surveys.

ACTION

THAT the discussion on the public toilet survey be noted.

MOVED: Helen Riley
Carried

SECONDED: Ally Shelton

Meeting Closed 5.45pm

ITEM : 10 NEXT MEETING

Next meeting of the Community Development Committee to be held on:

**Tuesday 3 December 2013
At 4.00pm in the Upstairs Committee room**