

MINUTES – AQUATIC CENTRE COMMITTEE – THURSDAY 5 DECEMBER 2013



ITEM 1: PRESENT AND APOLOGIES

PRESENT: Clr Ray Thompson (Chairman), Terry Cambourn, Jodie Stewart, Karen Luka, and Maree Evans

APOLOGIES: Clr Ross Higlett, Darren King, Roger Bailey

OFFICERS: Maddison Bailey, Iain Stewart

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS: Nil.

ITEM 2: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the Aquatic Centre Committee Meeting held on Thursday, 11 September 2013 were adopted by Council on Monday, 30 September 2013.

ACTION

THAT the Minutes of the meeting of 11 September 2013 be taken as read and confirmed.

MOVED: Jodie Stewart

SECONDED: Terry Cambourn

ITEM 3: RESOURCES FOR REGIONS

Council applied for funding under the round 1 of the NSW Government grant scheme Resources for Regions to construct stages 2, 3 and 4 of the Lithgow Aquatic Centre. This application was unsuccessful. Council resolved on 13 October 2013 to not submit an application for this project under the second round of the grant scheme.

ACTION

THAT the information regarding Resources for Regions be noted.

MOVED: Karen Luka

SECONDED: Jodie Stewart

ITEM 4: LOCAL INFRASTRUCTURE RENEWAL SCHEME

Council applied for a \$2.6m low interest loan under round 2 of the Local Infrastructure Renewal Scheme (LIRS) to complete stages 2 and 3 of the Lithgow Aquatic Centre. In August 2013, advice was received from the NSW Department of Premier & Cabinet Division of Local Government that Council's application was successful. Council also received a \$3m loan towards the Clarence Transfer Scheme.

As a result of the recent investigation into the remaining service life of the 50m outdoor pool, as outlined in item 6, Council is applying for a variation to have the \$3m for the Clarence Transfer Scheme transferred to the pool project. This will bring the total funding available to \$5.6m and will allow Council to complete Stages 2 and 3 (indoor 25m pool) as well as stage 4 (redevelopment of the 50m pool). Recent opinion of costs provided by Facility Design Group estimate the total cost of the combined stages 2, 3 and 4 to be \$5.547m.

ACTION

THAT the information regarding the Local Infrastructure Renewal Scheme be noted.

MOVED: Karen Luka

SECONDED: Jodie Stewart

ITEM 5: 50m OUTDOOR POOL SERVICE LIFE ASSESSMENT

Council engaged Facility Design Group Architects (FDG) to investigate the condition of the existing 50m at Lithgow Aquatic Centre, and prepare a report on the remaining service life of this asset. This report highlighted a number of non-compliance issues, and estimated a 2-8 year service life remaining for the pool and balance tank, and 1-3 year in service life for the pool plant. Two upgrade strategies were suggested in the report:

1. Demolish and replace the existing pool and plant \$3.015m
2. Upgrade existing pool and plant in accordance with NSW Department of Health standards \$1.815m

Both options have an estimated service life of 30 years.

ACTION

THAT Council proceed with the 50m Pool Upgrade Strategy Option 2, being the upgrade of the existing pool and plant in accordance with NSW Department of Health standards for an estimated price of \$1.815m

MOVED: Jodie Stewart

SECONDED: Karen Luka

ITEM 6: STAGES 2/3 DESIGN

Council has engaged Facility Design Group Architects (FDG) to provide design, consultancy, and project management services for Stages 2 and 3 of the Lithgow Aquatic Centre redevelopment. FDG are currently in the process of commencing detailed design for the indoor pool and pool hall structure in preparation for the construction certificate and tendering processes.

ACTION

THAT

1. Invitations are extended to all Aquatic Centre Committee members to attend a meeting with Council's Architect, Facility Design Group, to be held mid-December in order to review preliminary plans and discuss internal layout options.
2. Preliminary stage 2/3 plans are to be emailed to the Committee members for review.

MOVED: Maree Evans

SECONDED: Jodie Stewart

ITEM 7: SWIMMING CLUB INFORMATION REQUESTS

Lithgow Swimming Club requested the following information:

- a) What has been the average recorded temperature of the splash park this season?
- b) Review of new administration and cafe service being provided by Council, and the impact on the level of service to patrons.
- c) Review of low patronage staffing

ACTION

THAT Council report back to committee with information on:

1. Average recorded temperature of the splash park for the 2013/14 season
2. Ramifications of low patronage staffing

MOVED: Maree Evans

SECONDED: Jodie Stewart

8: GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Expressions of Interest for the construction of Stages 2 and 3 of the Aquatic Centre will be going out in mid-December
2. The committee discussed the over-use of the internal showers and recommended that Council investigate
3. The committee requested a review of the Terms of Reference
4. The swimming club are proposing to host an event on the 8th and 9th of February with approximately 1000 patrons to be in attendance. The committee discussed the resource requirements and the capacity of the kiosk for such an event.

ACTION

THAT

1. The information regarding Expressions of Interest for the construction of Stages 2/3 of the Aquatic Centre is noted.
2. Council to investigate the overuse of all hot water showers at the pool.
3. Council review the terms of reference for the Aquatic Centre Advisory Committee.
4. Council note the special event to be held at the Pool on 8th and 9th February 2014.

MOVED: Karen Luka

SECONDED: Darren King

ITEM 9: NEXT MEETING

Next Meeting: 4.00pm on Wednesday, 5 February 2014
Lithgow Aquatic Centre, George Coates Avenue
LITHGOW NSW 2790

There being no further business the meeting closed at 5.00pm.