

Minutes
Community Development Committee
4 February 2014



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Community Development Committee
Tuesday 4 February 2014
Lithgow City Council
Committee Room
4.00 – 5.00 pm

Community Development Committee	
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1	Welcome, Present & Apologies
2	Confirmation of Previous Minutes
3	Australia Day 2014 Review
4	Rydal Village Improvement Plan
5	Seniors Week 2014
6	War Memorial Queen Elizabeth Park
7	Update on Current Projects
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ITEM: 1 PRESENT AND APOLOGIES

Present: Mayor Maree Statham, Councillor Joe McGuinness, Renee Difranto, Philippa Childs and Helen Riley.

Apologies: Elwyn Wolfenden

Council Officers: Juli-Ann Brozek, Matthew Johnson and Melanie Jones. Wendy Hawkes and Robbie Park were present for Items 1-3.

Declaration of Interests: NIL

ACTION

THAT the present and apologies be accepted

MOVED: Renee Difranto
Carried

SECONDED: Philippa Childs

ITEM: 2 PREVIOUS MINUTES

The minutes of the 3 December 2013 meeting were not circulated to Committee members for confirmation. This will be done and they will be reported to Council on 3 March 2014.

ACTION

THAT the discussion of the previous minutes be noted.

MOVED: Renee Difranto
Carried

SECONDED: Philippa Childs

ITEM : 3 AUSTRALIA DAY 2014 REVIEW

SUMMARY

Australia Day 2014 involved activities at Queen Elizabeth Park and Lithgow Pool as well as events in Wallerawang, Portland and elsewhere. It is timely that a review be undertaken with planning for Australia Day 2015 in mind.

COMMENTARY

Australia Day events included the official ceremony and entertainment at Queen Elizabeth Park from 5.00pm and a water slide and other activities at Lithgow Pool from midday to 4.00pm.

Despite the weather being cool, there were approximately 150-200 people at the pool. The water slide was very popular as were bracelet making and other activities.

The official ceremony and other entertainment also went well at Queen Elizabeth Park, again with around 200 people in attendance. The band was well received although significant numbers of people left after the official ceremony.

There was considerable discussion on the Citizenship Awards and how to encourage a broader range of nominations. Despite advertising through media releases, few nominations are received each year.

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It was agreed that the matter be listed on the agenda for the next meeting.

ACTION

THAT the development of a new Citizenship Awards system be further discussed at the next meeting.

MOVED: Helen Riley
Carried

SECONDED: Philippa Childs

ITEM : 4 RYDAL VILLAGE IMPROVEMENT PLAN

SUMMARY

Council will be undertaking community consultation over coming months to aid in the development of a village improvement plan for Rydal.

COMMENTARY

The Committee was advised that Council will commence development, with community consultation, of a Village Improvement Plan in Rydal in coming months. This will include consideration of public toilets in the village.

ACTION

That the report on development of a village improvement plan for Rydal be noted.

MOVED: Renee Difranco
Carried

SECONDED: Helen Riley

ITEM : 5 SENIORS WEEK 2014

SUMMARY

Council will be holding a Seniors Week event at the Union Theatre on Thursday 20 March 2014 at the Union Theatre.

COMMENTARY

Following a successful Ageing expo in 2013, Council will again be holding an expo at the Union Theatre on Thursday 20 March 2014 with the theme of "Active and Healthy Living".

ACTION

THAT the report on the planned Seniors Week event at the Union Theatre on Thursday 20 March 2014 at the Union Theatre be noted.

MOVED: Renee Difranco **SECONDED:** Helen Riley
Carried

ITEM : 6 WAR MEMORIAL QUEEN ELIZABETH PARK

SUMMARY

An update was provided on progress with recognising World War 2 casualties within the existing war memorial precinct.

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COMMENTARY

Representatives of the Lithgow RSL Sub-Branch, in consultation with Janice Marshall and Lorraine Ryan, are undertaking further research to compile a list of people, born in Lithgow who died in World War 2. A suitable memorial to these people will then be established within the existing war memorial precinct.

ACTION

THAT the report on recognition of World War 2 casualties within the existing Queen Elizabeth Park war memorial precinct be noted.

MOVED: Renee Difranco
Carried

SECONDED: Philippa Childs

ITEM : 7 UPDATE ON CURRENT PROJECTS

SUMMARY

An update was provided on current works at Lithgow History Avenue, Blast Furnace Park, Eskbank House, Hassans Walls and Pearsons Lookout.

COMMENTARY

The Committee was provided with the following updates:

Eskbank House: The new fence has been installed with many positive comments received. Quotes are being obtained to install lighting to the Eskbank House grounds.

Blast Furnace Park: Council has received \$20,000 funding, to be matched by Council, to develop the pedestrian cycleway link between Eskbank House and Lake Pillans. The funding will not be sufficient to upgrade the Inch Street railway bridge however other parts of the link will be developed, with the bridge upgrade to be undertaken in a later stage.

Hassans Walls: The new Sir Joseph Cook boardwalk has been installed and has attracted a lot of very positive feedback from the community. It is well worth a visit. New directional and interpretive signage has been installed also.

Pearsons Lookout: The new fence is to be installed by mid February with further consideration being given to further works at the lookout, including possibly a small viewing platform. New interpretive signage is also under development.

ACTION

THAT the update on current projects be noted.

MOVED: Philippa Childs
Carried

SECONDED: Helen Riley

ITEM : 8 GENERAL BUSINESS

**8.1 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE POLICY
SUMMARY**

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The Community Development Committee has been asked to review Council's Financial Assistance Policy and to recommend any changes for Council's consideration.

COMMENTARY

The Committee was asked to provide its comments on the current policy including whether or not Council should provide financial assistance towards the cost of Council general rates and water/sewer rates and if so, the best mechanism for doing so.

The Committee asked that it be provided with a list of recurrently funded projects for consideration in the review.

The Committee was asked to respond to Council by 21 February 2014 so that any changes to the policy can be considered in the current budget process.

ACTION

THAT Committee members provide their comments on the Financial Assistance policy by 21 February 2014.

MOVED: Renee Difranco **SECONDED:** Helen Riley
Carried

ITEM : 9 NEXT MEETING

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

**Tuesday 1 April 2014
At 4.00pm in the Council Committee Room**