



Minutes

Bushfire Appeal Committee

11 March 2014

4.30pm

Name of Committee	
Item Number	Agenda
1	Welcome/present/ apologies
2	Update of Appeal funds
3	Methodology to distribute funds
4	General Business
5	Next meeting

ITEM: 1 PRESENT AND APOLOGIES

PRESENT: LCC Mayor, Clr Maree Statham; LCC Clr Col Hunter; Wayne Clark (Business Owner); Greg Wardle (NSW RFS); Jill Marjoram (Lithgow Hospital).

APOLOGIES: Nil

OFFICERS: Juli-Ann Brozek

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS: Nil

ITEM: 2 UPDATE OF APPEAL FUNDS

SUMMARY:

An update was provided by the Mayor regarding the current funds balance and presentation to be made by Parramatta City Council on Friday, 14 March 2014.

ACTION/RECOMMENDATION

THAT: The Committee note the verbal update provided.

MOVED: Clr Col Hunter

SECONDED: Greg Wardle

ITEM: 3 METHODOLOGY TO DISTRIBUTE FUNDS

SUMMARY

General discussion was held regarding the methodology to be utilised for distributing the money raised through the Mayoral Appeal. Review of other Council's and government bushfire fund distribution process.

ACTION/RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council Officers prepare a Media Release advising the following:

- The first meeting of the Bushfire Appeal Committee was held on 11 March 2014.
- Funds will be received up until 21 March 2014.
- The target of \$50,000 has not been reached.
- Applications to be considered from bushfire affected residents must be lodged with Council by 31 March 2014.

MOVED: Clr Col Hunter

SECONDED: Greg Wardle

ITEM: 4 GENERAL BUSINESS

SUMMARY

Discussion was held in relation to the process of distributing money.

ACTION

THAT Greg Wardle will determine how many properties from within the Lithgow local government area were damaged by the State Mine fire.

ACTION

THAT the Council Officer sends a personal letter to those members of the community that can be identified as having property losses due to the bushfire, as to the process that the Committee is undertaking.

MOVED: Jill Marjoram

SECONDED: Greg Wardle

ACTION

THAT Council prepares an application form, and that included in the form will determine the selection criteria on which applications can be prioritised e.g. primary residences, rental homes, or contents, or a place of business.

MOVED: Jill Marjoram

SECONDED: Clr Col Hunter

ITEM 5: NEXT MEETING:

Next Meeting: 8 April 2014, at 4.30pm in the Committee Room
