



Minutes

Community Development Committee

Tuesday 3 June 2014

Lithgow City Council

Committee Room

4.00 – 5.00 pm

Community Development Committee	
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1	Present & apologies
2	Adoption of Previous Minutes
3	Business Arising From Previous Minutes
4	Review of Sister City Relationships
5	Financial Assistance 2014/15
6	Update On Current Projects
7	General Business

ITEM: 1 PRESENT AND APOLOGIES

Present: Mayor Maree Statham, Cllr Joe McGuinness, Renee Difranco, Helen Riley, Philippa Childs, Cassandra Baker, Linda Hine, Robyn da Costa and Rachael Young.

Apologies: Nil

Officers: Juli-Ann Brozek, Melanie Jones and Matthew Johnson

Declaration of Interests: Committee members declared their interest in relation to some financial assistance applications as follows and did not vote or participate in discussion on those applications:

Rachael Young – Daffodils at Rydal and Rydal A H & P Society
Helen Riley – NAIDOC Week
Philippa Childs – Lithgow City Band.

The Mayor gave a warm welcome to the new members of the Committee who were appointed by Council on 2 June 2014 – Cassandra Baker, Linda Hine, Robyn da Costa and Rachael Young.

ITEM 2: ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

The Minutes of the 1 April 2014 meeting were confirmed by email by 3 Committee members and reported to Council on 12 May 2014.

ACTION

THAT the confirmation and reporting of the previous minutes to Council be noted.

MOVED: Renee Difranco

SECONDED: Helen Riley

ITEM 3: BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

SUMMARY

3.1 Citizenship Awards: The Committee discussed a number of issues related to the types of awards and the nomination process.

Suggestions included:

- Combining the Reg Cowden Award with the Australia Day awards
- Reviewing the award guidelines to encourage nominations for an indigenous person, volunteers and carers.
- Advertise through Council rates notices and Council Connections.
- Encourage schools to nominate students.

The Committee was asked to consider these matters further and forward ideas to Council for discussion at the next meeting.

3.2 Donation of Bicycles: The Committee was advised that following consideration of this matter by the Tourism Advisory Committee, Council resolved on 2 June 2014 that a trial be instigated for the hire of the bicycles through the Visitor Information Centre at a daily rate of \$25 per day per bike and \$75 per family of four with the hire fees to offset the cost of regular maintenance checks and the purchase of additional parts, helmets etc. The Community Development Committee asked that the Council logo be placed on the bikes, that carry baskets be installed and that a child seat be provided.

3.3 Committee Membership: The Committee was advised that Council resolved on 2 June 2014 to amend the the Committee Terms of Reference to allow for six community representatives and that the four nominations from Cassandra Baker, Linda Hine, Robyn da Costa and Rachael Young be accepted.

3.4 Seating at Hassans Walls Lookout: The Committee was advised that a picnic table and seats will shortly be installed at the end of the new boardwalk.

ACTION

THAT:

1. The Business Arising from the previous minutes be noted.
2. Lithgow Visitor Information Centre be asked to arrange for placement of the Council logo on the bicycles, that carry baskets be installed and that a child seat be provided.

MOVED: Renee Difranco

SECONDED: Helen Riley

ITEM 4: REVIEW OF COUNCIL'S SISTER CITY RELATIONSHIPS

SUMMARY

Following a Council resolution on 14 April 2014 to undertake a review of Council's Sister City relationships, the Committee was asked to discuss current and future arrangements.

COMMENTARY

Lithgow City Council currently has a Sister City relationship with Huainan City in the People's Republic of China however this relationship has not been actively pursued by either side.

The Committee decided to consider this matter further at the next meeting in relation to other possible cities in China and asked that staff investigate what other Councils are doing in regard to Sister City Relationships.

ACTION

THAT:

1. The Committee consider this matter further at the next meeting.

2. In the meantime, staff investigate what other Councils are doing in regard to Sister City Relationships.

MOVED: Helen Riley

SECONDED: Robyn da Costa

ITEM 5: FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS

SUMMARY

The Committee considered applications received in April 2014 under Round 1 of 2014/15 Non-Recurrent Financial Assistance.

COMMENTARY

Council provides Financial Assistance each year to non-for-profit community organisations with \$166,500 allocated in the 2014/15 budget for this purpose as follows:

- \$82,000 for recurrent projects
- \$72,000 for Non-Recurrent Financial Assistance of which 50% is notionally allocated in each of the two funding rounds
- \$2,500 for sporting related projects
- \$10,000 for fee waivers of the Tony Luchetti Showground and Civic Ballroom.

Round 1 of Non-Recurrent Financial Assistance was opened from 1-30 April 2014 with thirty-three (34) applications to the value of \$80,664 received.

The Committee considered these applications and recommends twenty nine (29) projects to the value of \$43,851 to Council for funding. This will leave \$28,149 for allocation in Round 2 in October 2014.

The Committee further recommended that Council provides \$2,500 to the Mountains Cruizers Car Club for their 2014 Car Show from the Tony Luchetti Showground/ Civic Ballroom fee waiver package allocation.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council:

1. Provides non-recurrent Financial Assistance to twenty nine (29) projects to the value of \$43,851 as detailed in Attachment 1.
2. Provides a Tony Luchetti Showground/ Civic Ballroom fee waiver package to the value of \$2,500 for the Mountains Cruizers 2014 Car Show.

MOVED: Renee Difranco

SECONDED: Cassandra Baker

ITEM 6: UPDATE ON CURRENT PROJECTS

SUMMARY

An update was provided on current works at Eskbank House, Blast Furnace Park, Pearsons Lookout, Lake Pillans and Bowenfels Anti-Aircraft Gun Emplacement site.

COMMENTARY

The Committee was advised that:

- The exterior lighting system being installed at Eskbank house Museum is due for completion by mid June 2014.
- A safety and interpretative study being undertaken at Blast Furnace Park will be completed before 30 June 2014.
- Upgrade works at Pearsons Lookout Capertee will be completed by 30 June 2014.
- Planning work has commenced on upgrading the cycle pedestrian way linking Blast Furnace Park and Lake Pillans.
- Interpretive signage is being developed for the Bowenfels Anti-Aircraft Gun emplacement site and will be installed in the 1st Quarter 2014/15 once access works to the site are completed.

ACTION

THAT The report on current projects be noted.

MOVED: Rachael Young

SECONDED:

Cassandra Baker

ITEM 7: GENERAL BUSINESS

7.1 SOUTH LITTLETON HALL

SUMMARY

The Committee considered an expression of Interest submitted by the Lithgow Lions Club to use the South Littleton Hall.

COMMENTARY

The Lithgow Mens Shed has recently vacated the South Littleton Hall to take up occupancy of the old amenities block at the Lithgow Aquatic Centre.

Council has advertised for expressions of interest from the community for use of the South Littleton Hall with one EOI received from the Lions Club of Lithgow who wish to utilise the hall exclusively as a club room for meetings and storage.

The Committee decided to recommend that Council accept the Lions Club EOI.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council accept the Lions Club of Lithgow's expression of Interest for exclusive use of the South Littleton hall.

MOVED: Linda Hine

SECONDED: Cassandra Baker

7.2 SEATING AT LAKE PILLANS

SUMMARY

The Committee asked if Council could install seating around the Lake Pillans Boardwalk.

ACTION

THAT The placement of seating around the Lake Pillans Boardwalk will be referred to Council's Recreation Supervisor for action.

MOVED: Linda Hine

SECONDED: Helen Riley

Meeting Closed 6.00pm

Next meeting

Tuesday 5 August 2014 at 4.00pm in the Council Committee room