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MINUTES

EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

HELD ON

06 NOVEMBER 2014

AT 4.00pm

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF LITHGOW COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE CIVIC CENTRE, LITHGOW ON 6 NOVEMBER 2014**

Meeting Commenced 4.00pm

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Public: 49

PRESENT

Her Worship the Mayor
Councillor M Statham
Councillor R Higlett
Councillor C Hunter
Councillor F Inzitari
Councillor W McAndrew
Councillor J J McGinnes
Councillor P Pilbeam
Councillor M F Ticehurst

APOLOGIES

14-442 RESOLVED

An apology was received from and leave of absence granted to from Councillor R Thompson who is out of the City on personal business.

MOVED: Councillor R Higlett

SECONDED: Councillor W McAndrew

Also in attendance

Mr Roger Bailey, General Manager
Miss Rhiannan Pace, Minutes Secretary
Mr Andrew Muir, Group Manager Environment and Development

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Her Worship the Mayor called for Declarations of Interest on any matter before the Meeting.

NIL

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

At 4.01pm Members of public gallery were invited to participate in the Public Forum Session.

The following people made statements in relation to the agenda item:

MR HOWARD FISHER

MR STEVE JACKSON

MRS LORRAINE ROEBUCK

MR JOHN KEARNS

MS RENEE DIFRANCO

MR ROB CLUFF

The Mayor thanked each of the public forum participants for their comments.

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NOTICE OF MOTION

ITEM-1 NOTICE OF MOTION - 06/11/2014 - COMMUNITY MEETING ON EMPLOYMENT/UNEMPLOYMENT IN THE LITHGOW LGA.doc

MOTION

THAT:

1. Council hold a public Community meeting on employment/unemployment in the Lithgow LGA
2. Council investigate holding the Community Meeting at the Council's Civic Ballroom in Lithgow on Saturday 15 November 2014 commencing at 2pm
3. Council extend an invitation to its ratepayers, residents, local businesses and all other interested people and organisations, along with inviting the Federal Member of Calare, John Cobb, the premier Mike Baird, State opposition leader John Robertson and the State Member for Bathurst and minister for Local government, Paul Toole
4. The Community meeting on employment/unemployment in the Lithgow LGA be chaired by the Councils Mayor Maree Statham.

MOVED: Councillor M F Ticehurst

SECONDED: Councillor J J McGinnes.

AMENDMENT

THAT:

1. Council immediately forms a local taskforce to promote coal mining in our region. That Taskforce should include representatives from Centennial, the Mining Unions, the NSW Minerals Council and Lithgow City Council
2. The taskforce, as part of its role, lobbies State and Federal Governments around issues confronting coal mining in the region including but not limited to, local coal supplies to Mt Piper and planning and environment concerns restricting mining.
3. Council immediately seek State Member Paul Toole's support for a delegation to the NSW Mining Minister regarding the future of the Baalbone coal leases as a matter of urgency
4. Council to immediately meet with Centennial for a briefing from them regarding the approvals required for their Western Operations which include but are not limited to:

Springvale – Extensions EIS – required before June2015

Angus Place – Extension EIS – aiming for June 2015

Airly – Extension EIS – required prior to October 2015

All require State and Federal approval.

5. This Council through the Economic Development Committee invite the peak Industry, Business and all councillors to an Economic Development Forum for the future of Lithgow.

MOVED: Councillor W McAndrew

SECONDED: Councillor F Inzitari.

Councillor Ticehurst and Councillor McGinnes withdrew their motion.

The Amendment therefore became the motion with the consent of Council Councillors McAndrew and Inzitari made changes and the Motion became:

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5. This Council through the Economic Development Committee invite the peak Industry, Business and all councillors to an Economic Development Forum for the future of Lithgow.
6. Council hold a public Community meeting on employment/unemployment in the Lithgow LGA before the end of the year.
7. Council extend an invitation to this community meeting to its ratepayers, residents, local businesses and all other interested people and organisations, along with inviting the Federal Member of Calare, John Cobb, the premier Mike Baird, State opposition leader John Robertson and the State Member for Bathurst and minister for Local government, Paul Toole, Department of Industry and Investment
8. The Community meeting on employment/unemployment in the Lithgow LGA be chaired by the Councils Mayor Maree Statham.
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MOVED: Councillor P Pilbeam

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MOVED: Councillor M Statham

SECONDED: Councillor R Higlett

The AMENDMENT was put and CARRIED

A **DIVISION** was called by Councillors M F Ticehurst and McGinnes.

Division -

FOR

Councillor R Higlett
Councillor F Inzitari
Councillor P Pilbeam
Councillor M Statham (Mayor)

AGAINST

Councillor C Hunter
Councillor W McAndrew
Councillor J J McGinnes
Councillor M F Ticehurst

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Councillor M F Ticehurst

SUPPLEMENTARY MOTION

MOTION

THAT all councillors be appointed to the Taskforces

MOVED: Councillor M Statham

SECONDED: Councillor Pilbeam

AMENDMENT

THAT the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Councillor McAndrew be appointed as Council's representatives on the Taskforces.

MOVED: Councillor M Ticehurst

SECONDED: Councillor J McGinnes

The Amendment was PUT and became the Motion

14-444 RESOLVED

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MOVED: Councillor M Ticehurst

SECONDED: Councillor J McGinnes

BUSINESS OF GREAT URGENCY

In accordance with Clause 241 of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2005 business may be transacted at a meeting of Council even though due notice of the business has not been given to the Councillors. However, this can happen only of:

- a) *A motion is passed to have the business transacted at the meeting: and*
- b) *The business proposed to be brought forward is ruled by the Chairperson to be of great urgency.*

NIL

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 5.36pm.