



Minutes

Community Development Committee
Tuesday 3 February 2015
Lithgow City Council
Committee Room
4.00 – 5.00 pm

Community Development Committee	
Item Number	Agenda
1	Present & apologies
2	Adoption of Previous Minutes
3	Business Arising From Previous Minutes
4	Australia Day 2015
5	Committee Terms of Reference
6	ANZAC Day 2015
7	Update on Current Projects
8	General Business

ITEM 1 PRESENT AND APOLOGIES

Present: Mayor Maree Statham, Robyn da Costa, Linda Hine, Helen Riley and Rachael Young.

Apologies: Cllr Joe McGinnes, Juli-Ann Brozek, Matthew Johnson, Philippa Childs, and Renee Difranco.

Officers: Melanie Jones and Wendy Hawkes.

Declaration of Interests: NIL

ITEM 2 ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

The Minutes of the 2 and 22 December 2014 meetings were confirmed via email by 3 Committee members and were reported to Council on 9 February 2015.

ACTION

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

MOVED: Rachael Young

SECONDED: Helen Riley

ITEM 3 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

SUMMARY

3.1 Sister Cities

The Committee discussed an approach by a company to invest in Lithgow. A number of potential projects which have been discussed previously and could develop/enhance economic links or investment between China and Lithgow include:

- A transport Interchange at Tunnel Hill
- Agriculture
- Steel and coal
- Zig Zag Railway
- Manufacturing of renewable energy components

There was also discussion regarding the possibility of Lithgow Council attending The Australian China City Business Summit (China as guest nation) – Royal Melbourne Show.

The committee discussed the option of referring this matter to a more appropriate committee, and decided to refer it to the Economic Development Committee or the Tourism Committee.

ACTION

THAT the development of a relationship with Mr Guo and other members of the Chinese trade mission to develop/enhance economic links with Lithgow, which focuses on economic and investment opportunities be referred to the Economic Development Committee and/or the Tourism Committee.

MOVED: Linda Hine

SECONDED: Helen Riley

3.2 Adventure Playground

\$50,000 has been allocated to engage a company to develop a design for the Adventure Playground. The committee discussed the possibility of incorporating a BMX track into the playground, and would like to invite councillors, staff and committee members to travel to Blayney and Bathurst to look at the adventure playgrounds that have been created in these towns. The date proposed was Wednesday 11 March, leaving at 12pm.

3.3 Recognition of David Palmer

The committee looked at some information and pictures of David Palmer's sporting career achievements that were provided by his family, who are reportedly very happy with this recognition of David's achievements.

3.4 Lion's Club Financial Assistance

A letter requesting further information from the Lion's Club markets for their Financial Assistance application was sent in December 2014, however Council is waiting for a response from the organisation. The Community Development Officer will continue to follow up this matter and report back to the next meeting.

ACTION

THAT the update on the Business Arising from the previous minutes be noted.

MOVED: Linda Hine

SECONDED: Robyn da Costa

ITEM 4 AUSTRALIA DAY 2015

SUMMARY

An overview of Australia Day 2015 was provided to the committee.

COMMENTARY

Australia Day events were held at Wallerawang, Portland, Lithgow and Rydal. The Mayor and the Australia Day Ambassador attended Wallerawang, Portland and Lithgow events. The Lithgow event was held at Queen Elizabeth Park and began at 2.30pm with children's rides, refreshments and entertainment. The ceremony began at 3.30pm with speeches and the presentation of NSW Local Citizenship awards. Approximately 400 people were in attendance.

Lithgow Aquatic Centre provided free entry for Australia Day and a slide, with approximately 400 people visiting throughout the day.

ACTION

THAT the overview of Australia Day 2015 events be noted.

MOVED: Helen Riley

SECONDED: Rachael Young

ITEM 5 COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE

SUMMARY

The Community Development Committee Terms of Reference were distributed to the committee for review.

COMMENTARY

The Community Development Committee Terms of Reference were provided for the Committee to review and suggest any changes. Committee members discussed the document, however no changes were recommended.

ACTION

THAT the review of the Terms of Reference be noted.

MOVED: Robyn da Costa

SECONDED: Linda Hine

ITEM 6 ANZAC DAY 2015

SUMMARY

An update of the plans for ANZAC Day 2015 were outlined.

COMMENTARY

The following events have been schedule for ANZAC Day 2015:

National Trust Heritage – Conflict and Compassion

11April - 26 May 2015 at the Lithgow Library Learning Centre

Heritage Talks Conflict and Compassion

Saturday 11 April 2015 at the Lithgow Library Learning Centre

1915 – A Lithgow City Band Production Commemorating the ANZAC Centenary

Friday 17 April 2015 at 8.00pm

Saturday 18 April 2015 at 2.00pm and 8.00pm at the Union Theatre

ANZAC Day Parade

Saturday 25 April 2015

6.00am Dawn Service commences

10.30am March from Eskbank Street to Queen Elizabeth Park

11.00am Main Commemoration Service commences at Queen Elizabeth Park

ANZAC Cemetery Walk – Lithgow and District Family History Society

Sunday 26 April 2015

Entries for the Yvonne Jenkins Memorial Award Essay due – Lithgow and District Family History Society

Saturday 30 April 2015

ANZAC Review

Saturday 23 May 2015

Lithgow Library Learning Centre

History Walk – Top End of Main Street

Saturday 23 May 2015

Lithgow Library Learning Centre

ACTION

THAT the update on ANZAC Day 2015 events be noted.

MOVED: Rachael Young

SECONDED: Linda Hine

ITEM 7 UPDATE ON CURRENT PROJECTS

7.1 Blast Furnace Park

A design strategy for fencing has been engaged, and a consultant will be working to create a rejuvenation plan for the area. The committee discussed issues that are of concern to them at Blast Furnace Park, including;

- Weeds removal
- Bollards at the top of the lane (to prevent entry by vehicles)
- Car park re-surfacing
- Bubblers
- More bins

7.2 Lake Pillans

The next stage of the concrete pathway should commence in the next two weeks.

ACTION

THAT the update on Current Projects be noted.

MOVED: Rachael Young

SECONDED: Linda Hine

ITEM 8 GENERAL BUSINESS

8.1 Busby Street – Parkland

A member of the committee has noticed a parkland in Busby Street that is looking very well maintained, and believes that a local man is caretaking the area. The committee would like a letter sent to this man acknowledging his work. The Community Development Officer will draft a letter to be sent to the person concerned.

8.2 AOM

There was discussion by the committee about the recent local OAM recipients, and would like letters of recognition sent. The Cultural Development Officer will draft letters to be sent to all 3 recipients.

8.3 Rising Prince

The committee discussed the racehorse Rising Prince. This racehorse was owned by people from Lithgow and raced in the Melbourne Cup and Cox Plate. The committee would like to approach the Chair of Club Lithgow about officially recognising this achievement in the club's 'Hall of Fame'.

8.4 Hindu Temple

The committee discussed an email that was read from a business proposing to construct a Hindu Temple within the Lithgow LGA. The committee members felt the request required more information and should possibly be referred to a more appropriate committee like Council's Economic Development Committee.

ACTION

THAT the items discussed under General Business be noted.

MOVED: Helen Riley

SECONDED: Robyn da Costa

Meeting Closed 6.05pm

**Next meeting:
Tuesday 31 March 2015
From 4.00pm to 6.00pm
Council Committee Room
Lithgow City Council**