



Lithgow CBD Revitalisation Action Plan Steering Committee Thursday 19 March 2015 4.00 pm

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**DRAFT MINUTES – LITHGOW CBD REVITALISATION
ACTION PLAN COMMITTEE– 19 MARCH 2015**

ITEM: 1 PRESENT AND APOLOGIES

Present: Mayor Cllr Maree Statham, Cllr Col Hunter, Cllr Frank Inzitari, Ms Renee Difrancio, Ms Kelley Crane

Apologies: Cllr Ross Higlett, Cllr Peter Pilbeam, Mr Roger Bailey

Officers: Mr Matt Brewster

Declaration of Interests: Nil

ITEM: 2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes were endorsed by two members of the Committee being:

Councillor Ross Higlett

Councillor Peter Pilbeam

ACTION:

THAT the Minutes of the Meeting of 5 June 2014 be taken as read and confirmed

MOVED: Cllr Frank Inzitari

SECONDED: Cllr Col Hunter

ITEM: 3 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

Nil

ITEM: 4 PROJECT UPDATE

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to inform the Committee of the progress being made to finalise the the draft Lithgow CBD Revitalisation Action Plan to enable its public exhibition.

COMMENTARY

Adam Hunter from Environmental Partnership presented the draft Lithgow CBD Revitalisation Action Plan to the Councillor Information Session held on 22 September 2014. The presentation outlined the following draft Plan components:

- Lithgow as a Hub
- Challenges to the Lithgow Hub
- Community Engagement
- Principles
- Strategies including:
 - Arrival
 - The Squares
 - Garden Streets
 - Central Lane
 - Pedestrian Lanes
 - Mort St
 - Railway Parade
 - Transport
 - Parking

Positive feedback was received from the Councillors present at the Information Session in regards to the scope and nature of the revitalisation works identified. Following the presentation, Environmental Partnership continued to work with HillPDA and individual property owners of the five key CBD sites to identify potential adaptive reuse and/or redevelopment options. These options were presented to the Committee.

The Committee discussed these options, reviewed the latest draft Plan version and subsequently recommended to place the draft Plan on public exhibition for a period of 3 weeks.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Committee recommends that the draft Lithgow CBD Revitalisation Action Plan be placed on public exhibition for a period of 3 weeks.

MOVED: Cllr Frank Inzitari

SECONDED: Cllr Col Hunter

ITEM: 5 NATIONAL STRONGER REGIONS PROGRAM

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to inform the Committee of Council's recent Application to the National Stronger Regions Program to fund a catalyst project that would commence the delivery of the Lithgow CBD Revitalisation Action Plan.

COMMENTARY

Council submitted an Application for funding under Round 1 of the the Australian Government's National Stronger Regions Fund in late November 2014. The Fund targeted projects that can deliver priority economic development and small scale community infrastructure at the local level throughout Australia. The National Stronger Regions Fund will provide local community projects with between \$20,000 and \$10m covering up to 50% of the project costs.

The Application comprised the major infrastructure works required to deliver the first of the Main St "Squares" (requiring the extensive upgrade and reconfiguration of Cook St Plaza and adjacent Main St road surface) and sought funding of \$847,793.00 to be matched with Council expenditure of \$953,622.00. Should the Application be successful detail design documentation of the project will be required.

The Committee discussed the Application.

COMMITTEE ACTION

THAT the Committee notes the Application made to the Stronger Regions Program.

MOVED: Cllr Col Hunter

SECONDED: Ms Kelley Crane

ITEM: 6 CBD PUBLIC TOILETS

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to inform the Committee of the progress being made with the installation of new public toilets in Cooks St Plaza and at the Eskbank St taxi rank.

COMMENTARY

Environment and Development advise that the public toilets have been manufactured. Installation is programmed for prior to the end of April 2015 in Cook St Plaza and prior to the end of May 2015 at the Eskbank St taxi rank.

The Committee discussed the progress being made with the installation of the new public toilets

COMMITTEE ACTION

THAT the Committee notes the progress being made with the installation of new public toilets in the CBD

MOVED: Cllr Col Hunter

SECONDED: Cllr Kelley Crane

ITEM: 7 PROPOSED PIONEER PARK URBAN COMMUNITY GARDEN

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to advise the Committee of a proposal to create and sponsor a community garden in Pioneer Park.

COMMENTARY

Council has recently received a number of representations from both individual community members as well as through the Lithgow Business Association and Business Taskforce to improve the presentation of the public domain spaces in the "Top End" of Main St. Suggestions vary from flower filled planter boxes and pots through to the installation of an urban community garden in Pioneer Park.

Council has also been contacted by the Community Liaison Officer from Bunnings Lithgow who is supportive of offering materials and technical knowledge to help establish the community garden. Lithgow Landscape Supplies are also supportive of the project. A post on the Revitalising Lithgow Town Centre page resulted in a large number of community members who would like to get involved in such a project.

The installation of the community garden could be either designed around the existing public toilets or alternatively the project could assist with the restoration of Pioneer Park if the public toilets are demolished following installation of new toilets in Cook St Plaza and Eskbank taxi rank. The project would only involve the installation of temporary infrastructure which could be removed when the final revitalisation works proposed for the Pioneer Park was funded.

It is proposed that the policy developed by City of Sydney for developing and managing community gardens be reviewed and adapted as a model for enabling the delivery of the Pioneer Park Urban Community Garden project.

http://www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0017/100286/community-gardens-policy.pdf

The Committee discussed the proposal. Consultation with key stakeholders will be required to be undertaken particularly any community organisations who may have contributed to the previous development of the park space.

COMMITTEE ACTION

THAT the Committee supports the creation of the Pioneer Park Urban Community Garden in principle subject to further investigations and consultations with key stakeholders.

MOVED: Ms Kellie Crane

SECONDED: Cllr Col Hunter

ITEM: 8 GENERAL BUSINESS

Mr Matt Brewster advised the Committee members of the forthcoming Mothers Day 2015 Shop Local promotion "Street of Flowers" for Lithgow

ITEM: 9 NEXT MEETING:

Next Meeting: Following completion of the public exhibition period to review community comments

There being no further business the meeting closed at: 5:15 pm