## Minutes
Community Development Committee
Tuesday 1 March 2016
Lithgow City Council Committee Room
4.00 – 5.00 pm

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ITEM 1: PRESENT AND APOLOGIES

Present: Mayor Maree Statham, Renee Difranco, Rachael Young, Robyn da Costa and Helen Riley.

Apologies: Linda Hines and Councillor Wayne McAndrew

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

Declaration of Interests: The Mayor declared an interest in Item 3.2 of Business Arising in relation to the possible renaming of Meadow Flat Hall.

ITEM 2: ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

The Minutes of the 12 January 2016 meeting were confirmed by email by 3 Committee members and reported to Council on 8 February 2016.

ACTION

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

MOVED: Renee Difranco SECONDED: Rachael Young

ITEM 3: BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

3.1 South Littleton Hall Renaming
Council resolved on 14 December 2015 to advertise for community comment for a minimum of 14 days, a proposal to rename the South Littleton Hall to the Kiddle Hall in recognition of Molly and Max Kiddle.

This resolution was rescinded by Council on 8 February 2016 with Council resolving instead to advertise for a period of 14 days its intention to rename the park in Maple Crescent/Church Street where the old Helipad is located to Kiddle Park. Public advertising of this proposal will close on 11 March 2016.

3.2 Meadow Flat Hall Renaming
Public advertising of the proposal to rename the Meadow Flat hall to the Mac Scott Memorial Hall will close on 11 March 2016.

3.3 Recognition of Jim Robson
Council resolved on 8 February 2016 to advertise for a period of 14 days its intention to rename the Lithgow Aquatic Centre to the JM Robson Aquatic Centre in honour of Jim Malone Robson. Public advertising of this proposal will close on 11 March 2016.
3.4 Natural Disaster Relief Fund
Council resolved on 14 December 2015 to establish a relief fund to attract public donations for the support of the community during declared natural disasters only and as each event occurs, seek Deductible Gift Recipient Status for the fund from the Australian Taxation Office.

**ACTION**

**THAT** The Business Arising from the previous minutes be noted.

**MOVED:** Renee Difranco  **SECONDED:** Helen Riley

**ITEM 4: AUSTRALIA DAY REVIEW**

The Committee felt that the 2016 Australia Day event at Queen Elizabeth Park was very successful with a good turn up and variety of food available. It was agreed that the provision of a wider range of music, games for children and a coffee cart be considered in planning for Australia Day 2017.

A review of the Australia day awards will also be undertaken prior to next year’s event.

**ACTION**

**THAT** The discussion of the Australia Day 2016 event and awards be noted.

**MOVED:** Rachael Young  **SECONDED:** Helen Riley

**ITEM 5: REVIEW OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE ASSESSMENT CRITERIA**

At the 17 November 2015 CDC meeting, the Committee asked that staff forward suggested assessment criteria to members for discussion at the first meeting in 2016.

The committee reviewed the selection criteria and assessment methods used by several other councils and discussed ways of determining how local organisations might meet or address particular benchmarks. The Community Development Officer will draft an example of possible benchmarks for the next meeting.
ACTION

THAT The discussion of financial assistance assessment criteria be noted.

MOVED: Helen Riley SECONDED: Renee Difranco

ITEM 6: UPDATE ON CURRENT PROJECTS

1. **Blast furnace**
   Repair and remediation works will be completed early March 2016. Council is seeking grant funding to implement the next stage of works including boardwalks, viewing platforms, pathways and signage.

2. **Village Improvement Plans**
   The Tarana and Hartley plans are almost complete and work is about to commence on the Cullen Bullen plan.

3. **Adventure Playground**
   Design work is underway and consultation is about to commence in local schools. Council will also be submitting a NSW Resources for Regions grant application to construct the playground.

4. **Seniors Week**
   Planning has commenced with a range of programs to be offered in the week beginning 4 April 2016.

5. **Gun Emplacement site**
   Interpretative signage has been installed and access arrangements are expected to be finalised shortly.

6. **Rising Prince**
   The committee asked if staff could confirm if the painting of the Rising Prince racehorse is located at Club Lithgow. This will be followed up.

7. **David Palmer**
   The committee asked about progress with installing signage in Main Street Lithgow recognising squash champion David Palmer. Staff to action as soon as possible.

ACTION

THAT The update on current projects be noted.

MOVED: Rachael Young SECONDED: Robyn da Costa
ITEM 7: GENERAL BUSINESS

7.1 Maiyingu Marragu

Helen Riley spoke of the work that Mingaan and other agencies have undertaken recently to install interpretative signage at Maiyingu Marragu and asked if part of the access road could be graded due to very deep potholes.

ACTION

THAT:
1. The discussion under General business be noted.
2. The grading of the access road to Maiyingu Marragu be referred to Council’s Operations Group for Consideration.

MOVED: Renee Difranco SECONDED: Helen Riley

Meeting Closed: 5.00pm

Next meeting Tuesday 12 April 2016 from 4.00-6.00pm