



# Minutes

## Community Development Committee

Tuesday 12 April 2016

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	Financial Assistance Benchmarks
5	Recognition of Lionel Johnstone
6	Mother's Day Award
7	Update on Current Projects
8	General Business

## **ITEM 1: PRESENT AND APOLOGIES**

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

**Apologies:** Councillor Wayne Mc Andrew

**Officers:** Juli-Ann Brozek and Matthew Johnson

**Declaration of Interests:** NIL

## **ITEM 2: ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

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The Minutes of the 1 March 2016 meeting were confirmed by email by 3 Committee members and will be reported to Council on 18 April 2016.

### **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**

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### **3.1 Maple Crescent/Church Street Park Renaming**

Following a 14 day period of public advertising, Council resolved on 21 March 2016 to rename the park in Maple Crescent/Church Street to Kiddle Park in recognition of Max and Molly Kiddle.

### **3.2 Meadow Flat Hall Renaming**

Following a 14 day period of public advertising, Council resolved on 21 March 2016 to confirm the name of the Hall at Meadow flat as The Mac Scott Memorial Hall, as per the Meadow Flat Progress Association Inc. Minutes from 27 July 1999. Further, a plaque and photo are to be placed at the hall, as recognition of the work that was done in building the hall with the names of individuals involved in the erection of the building on the plaque.

### **3.3 Recognition of Jim Robson**

Following a 14 day period of public advertising, Council resolved on 21 March 2016 to rename the Lithgow Aquatic Centre to the JM Robson Aquatic Centre in honour of Jim Malone Robson.

### **3.4 Financial Assistance Benchmarks**

See Item 4

### **3.5 Rising Prince**

Club Lithgow advises that the photo of Rising Prince, the 1985 Coxs Plate winner, is no longer on display at the Club and is with one of its owners.

### **3.6 David Palmer**

Interpretative signage is currently being designed and should be installed within 2 months.

#### **ACTION**

**Kiddle Park:** Council staff to confirm removal of old park signage and to arrange installation of new interpretative signage.

**Rising Prince:** Council staff to investigate if copies of the Rising Prince print can be displayed in the Club Lithgow Hall of Fame.

**MOVED:** Helen Riley

**SECONDED:** Linda Hine

#### **ITEM 4: FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE ASSESSMENT BENCHMARKS**

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The Committee discussed the development of assessment benchmarks for future non-recurrent financial assistance allocations commencing 2016/17.

At the 1 March 2015 CDC meeting, the Committee considered suggested assessment criteria and it was decided that draft examples of possible benchmarks be presented for discussion at the April meeting. These new benchmarks were tabled and considered by the Committee and will be incorporated into a new draft Financial Assistance Policy for consideration by Council.

#### **ACTION**

**THAT** The new benchmarks for assessing financial assistance applications be reported to Council at a future date.

**MOVED:** Rachael Young

**SECONDED:** Robyn da Costa

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## **ITEM 5: RECOGNITION OF LIONEL JOHNSTONE**

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Council has been advised that Lionel Johnstone, Captain of the Lithgow Fire Brigade for 46 years, has recently retired. The Committee was asked to consider some form of recognition of his service.

The Committee requested that further information be obtained about Mr Johnstone and that he be invited to a Mayoral Afternoon Tea immediately before the next Community Development Committee to be presented with a formal thankyou and recognition plaque.

### **ACTION**

**THAT** Further information be obtained about Mr Johnstone and that he be invited to a Mayoral Afternoon Tea immediately before the next Community Development Committee on 14 June 2016 to be presented with a formal thankyou and recognition plaque.

**MOVED:** Mayor Statham

**SECONDED:** Helen riley

## **ITEM 6: MOTHERS DAY**

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The Committee considered a suggestion that a "Mother of the Year" award be instituted as part of Mother's Day celebrations in Lithgow.

The Committee discussed the work of Marian Lamb who has been running the Wallerawang Kids Club for many years. The Mayor undertook to obtain further information with a view to possibly presenting a Community Mothers' Day Award at the next Community Development Committee meeting.

### **ACTION**

**THAT** the discussion on the Community Mothers' Day Award be noted.

**MOVED:** Helen Riley

**SECONDED:** Robyn da Costa

## **ITEM 6: UPDATE ON CURRENT PROJECTS**

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An update was provided on Blast Furnace, the Adventure Playground, Village Improvement Plans, Seniors Week and the Bowenfels Gun Emplacement site.

The Committee was given a feedback on current projects:

### **Blast Furnace**

Repair and remediation works have finished however the site is still fenced off to the public until Masterplan works are undertaken. Council is seeking funding to implement the Masterplan.

### **Adventure Playground**

A draft concept design has been received and will be reviewed by Council staff before public exhibition. Council is seeking funding to develop the playground.

### **Village Improvement Plans**

The Hartley and Tarana/Sodwalls plans are almost complete and work has commenced on the Cullen Bullen plan, to be completed by 30 June.

### **Seniors week**

The 2016 Seniors Week Festival ran for 5 days from Monday 4 April to Friday 8 April with many free and discounted events offered to inspire seniors to stay active and connected with community. Attendance was at least double that of 2015.

Some of the popular activities included:

- Aboriginal art workshop
- A game of Mah-jong – 20 people participated
- Aqua aerobics classes
- Mindfulness colouring sessions
- Tour & tea at Eskbank House and Museum
- Yoga for seniors
- The Tailspinners Show at Lithgow Library
- Telstra Tech Savvy Seniors

### **Bowenfels Gun Emplacement**

Public access to the site has been reinstated and directional street signage will be installed over next couple of weeks.

### **ACTION**

**THAT** The discussion on current projects be noted.

**MOVED:** Linda Hine

**SECONDED:**

Robyn da Costa

### **ITEM 7: GENERAL BUSINESS**

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NIL

**Meeting Closed at 5.00pm**

**Next meeting**

**Tuesday 14 June 2016 at 4:00 pm in the Committee Room**