



# Minutes

## Community Development Committee

Tuesday 8 May 2018

Lithgow City Council

Committee Room

4.00 – 5.00 pm

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**ITEM: 1 WELCOME, PRESENT AND APOLOGIES**

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**Present:** Clr Coleman, Clr Lesslie, Clr Statham, Bryan Williamson, Rachael Young, Leanne Walding, Glenda Anthes.

**Apologies:** Paul Phillips and Annette Staines

**Officers:** Matthew Johnson and Kristy Lenon

**Declaration of Interests:** NIL

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**ACTION**

**THAT**

The Welcome and Apologies and Declaration of Interests be noted.

**MOVED:** Bryan Williamson                      **SECONDED:** Clr Lesslie

**ITEM: 2 PREVIOUS MINUTES**

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The minutes of the 13 March meeting were endorsed by three members present and reported to Council on 26 March 2018.

**ACTION**

**THAT**

The endorsement of the previous minutes by three members present and their reporting to Council on 26 March 2018 be noted.

**MOVED:** Glenda Anthes                      **SECONDED:** Leanne Walding

**ITEM: 3 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

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**3.1. Safe access to Highway at Col Drew Drive**

Council has been in communication with the RMS about the possible installation of traffic lights however no decision has been made. *Matter to be further followed up with Council's Operations Committee.*

**3.2 Rubbish at Blast Furnace**

We have been trying to get a contractor to do this work before official opening

**3.3 Community Transport in rural villages**

Kristy Lenon gave a report on contact with Lithgow Community Transport about this matter. Kristy to follow up further.

**3.4 Burns Lane /Bank Lane Naming**

This matter has been referred to Council's Director of Operations for consideration.

**ACTION**

**THAT** The Business Arising from the Previous Minutes be noted.

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**MOVED:** Clr Statham                      **SECONDED:** Rachael Young

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**ITEM: 4            FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

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**SUMMARY**

Council has resolved to review Policy 4.2 Financial Assistance, including the deletion of the Recurrent Financial Assistance category.

**COMMENTARY**

At Ordinary Meeting of Council held 23 April 2018, Council resolved (Min 18-98) as follows;

**THAT** Council:

1. Amend Policy 4.2 Financial Assistance by removing the Recurrent Financial Assistance category and requiring current Recurrent Financial Assistance recipients to apply for Non-Recurrent Financial Assistance each year.
2. Note that a review of Policy 4.2 Financial Assistance has commenced and that the draft revised policy will be presented to the May Council meeting to be endorsed for public exhibition and comment for 28 days.

Council has since written to Recurrent Financial Assistance recipients advising them of Council's decision and asking that they submit a Non-Recurrent Financial Assistance application by 25 May 2018 so that, in the event the proposal to amend Policy 4.2 is adopted by Council following the consultation period, they can be considered for Round 1 Non-Recurrent Financial Assistance in 2018/19.

There will be less funds available for financial assistance in 2018/19 than the current year. In the draft 2018/19 Operational Plan, Council has allocated a total of \$106,500 for Financial Assistance, approximately \$50,000 less than the current year amount of \$156,844. Of the \$106,500 allocated in 2018/19, \$1,000 will be set aside for fee waivers, \$10,000 for Showground/Civic Ballroom event fee waiver packages and \$2,500 for Sporting Related Financial Assistance, leaving a net \$93,000 for Rounds 1 and 2 including former recurrent recipients.

14 Round 1 applications to the value of \$33,948.79 have been received during April as attached.

The table below shows the amount approved in the current year for Recurrent Financial Assistance.

| <b>Recurrent Financial Recipient</b>            | <b>2017/18 Amount</b>   |
|---|-------------------------|
| Lithgow Show Society                            | \$12,300                |
| Ironfest Festival                               | \$12,300                |
| Lithgow Chamber of Commerce programs and events | \$12,300                |
| Western Region Academy of Sport                 | \$1,780                 |
| White Ribbon Day                                | \$500                   |
| Schools for end of year academic prizes         | \$930 (\$50 per school) |

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| Lithgow Tidy Towns  | \$2,050         |
| Wallerawang Tidy Towns  | \$1,025         |
| Portland Tidy Towns   | \$1,025         |
| Cullen Bullen Tidy Towns  | \$1,025         |
| Portland Golf Club  | \$860           |
| Lithgow Information and Neighbourhood Centre<br>Rental Assistance | \$11,000        |
| Arts Outwest  | \$12,749        |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>\$69,844</b> |

Once applications have been received from former Recurrent Financial Assistance recipients, a report will be prepared for the Committee's consideration detailing these and Round 1 Non-Recurrent applications.

**ACTION**

The draft revised Policy 4.2 Financial Assistance to be sent to the Committee for comment before reporting to Council. The Committee is asked to provide comment by 15 May.

**MOVED:** Bryan Williamson

**SECONDED:** Cllr Lesslie

**ITEM: 5      Adventure Playground Accessibility**

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**SUMMARY**

A report was provided on the features of the playground design for children with disabilities.

**COMMENTARY**

The playground designer Ric Mcconaghy has provided the following details:

*The space has been designed from the beginning to accommodate a very broad range of universal access. This includes arrival facilities, amenities, transition through the space, contrasting colour and texture in materials to aid navigation, extension of seating areas to accommodate wheelchairs / pushers / walking frames etc.*

*But more basically making everyone of all abilities, aspirations, cultures and ages feel welcome and that they belong. Accessible equipment include accessible harnesses on the swings and flying fox, the accessible carousel, cubby area and mouse wheel.*

*Furthermore there are scented and textural elements for sight impaired, wayfinding bits for all, sound elements, discovery, shade for the not very active, beautiful planting, and an intention to create a space where everyone and anyone can come, has opportunities to be engaged, and feels welcome and a sense of belonging.*

**ACTION**

**THAT:**

The report on adventure playground accessibility be noted.  
Staff were asked to follow up on the inclusion of an adult change table facility in toilets

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**MOVED:** Leanne Walding

**SECONDED:** Rachael Young

**ITEM: 6      UPDATE ON CURRENT PROJECTS**

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**SUMMARY**

An update was provided on projects currently underway in Community and Culture including Blast Furnace Masterplan works and the Adventure Playground.

**COMMENTARY**

**Blast Furnace**

Good progress is being made with installation of lighting and toilets, with completion scheduled in June. The official opening is on Saturday 12 May at 4.30pm to coincide with Lithglow Heritage Festival light show. All are welcome

*The Committee congratulated staff involved in the Blast Furnace project and LithGlow events.*

**Adventure Playground**

Council is currently calling for tenders for construction and it is expected that the tender will be awarded in late June with works to commence first quarter 2018/19.

**ACTION**

**THAT:**

The discussion on current projects be noted.

**MOVED:** Clr Statham

**SECONDED:** Clr Lesslie

**ITEM: 7      GENERAL BUSINESS**

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**7.1 Pigeons**

Staff were asked if there had been any progress with dealing with pigeons in the CBD area.

Staff to follow up with Operations staff.

**7.2 Mates Walk and Talk Insurance**

The Committee was advised that the Mates Walk and Talk event that walks monthly in the Lake Pillans/Blast Furnace area no longer has public liability insurance and may be required to as they are on public land.

This matter is being looked into by Council staff.

**ACTION**

**THAT:**

The discussion on General Business be noted.

**MOVED:** Glenda Anthes

**SECONDED:** Leanne Walding

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**Meeting Closed 4.38 pm**

**Next Meeting**

A special meeting will be scheduled in June to consider Financial Assistance requests.

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