



Minutes

Community Development Committee

Tuesday 11 September 2018

Lithgow City Council

Committee Room

4.00 – 5.00 pm

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ITEM: 1 WELCOME, PRESENT AND APOLOGIES

Present: Mayor Stephen Lesslie, Cllr Statham, Cllr Ring, Rachael Young, Glenda Anthes, Paul Phillips and Leanne Walding.

Apologies: Cllr Coleman and Annette Staines

Officers: Matthew Johnson

Declaration of Interests: NIL

MOVED: Paul Phillips **SECONDED:** Glenda Anthes

ITEM: 2 PREVIOUS MINUTES

The minutes of the 10 July 2018 meeting were endorsed by three members present and reported to Council on 23 July 2018.

ACTION

THAT

The endorsement of the previous minutes by three members present and their reporting to Council on 23 July 2018 be noted.

MOVED: Rachael Young **SECONDED:** Paul Phillips

ITEM: 3 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

3.1. Traffic Lights Bayonet Street/Great Western Highway intersection .
Since the previous meeting, the lights have been installed and appear to be close to commissioning.

3.2 Financial Assistance

Council resolved on 23 July 2018 to provide financial assistance of \$38,242 to 19 projects as recommended by the Committee. Council deferred the financial assistance of \$10,000 to Arts Outwest pending further information being received on benefits to the Lithgow LGA and Council also awarded a further \$1,500 to the Daffodils at Rydal event and \$1,200 to the Clarence/Dargan RFS shelter.

3.3 Adult Change Facility Endeavour Park Adventure Playground

Further to the discussion at the previous meeting, usage data on the existing toilets shows a high rate of use, even before the adventure playground is opened. Consideration will be given to preparing a 2019/20 Council budget bid for an additional toilet block, possibly with adult change capability. Consultation will be undertaken beforehand with disability organisations and the business chamber.

Staff were asked to investigate suitable grant opportunities for new toilets

3.4 Adventure Playground

Demolition and site works including drainage and services are well underway. Weather permitting, we are still aiming for a December 2018 completion.

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3.5 Union Theater

Final design and site assessment are underway after which tenders will be called later this year.

ACTION

THAT The discussion on Business Arising from the Previous Minutes be noted.

MOVED: Glenda Anthes

SECONDED: Rachael Young

ITEM: 4 COMMUNITY CONSULTATION BY COUNCIL

SUMMARY

The Committee discussed ways that Council could improve the way it exhibits plans and proposals to keep the community informed and to seek community input.

COMMENTARY

The committee discussed how Council might better communicate with the community about current and proposed projects so that the community is kept better informed. It was agreed that a multi-pronged approach is needed using printed and digital communication.

ACTION

THAT this matter be discussed with Council's Communications Officer and reported back to the committee.

MOVED: Paul Phillips

SECONDED: Mayor Lesslie

ITEM: 5 RECOGNITION OF RON BIDWELL OAM

SUMMARY

A proposal has been submitted by Council to the Geographic Names Board of NSW to rename Rotary Park Portland to the Ron Bidwell OAM Rotary park.

COMMENTARY

Council recently resolved to submit a proposal to the Geographic Names Board of NSW to rename Rotary Park Portland to the Ron Bidwell OAM Rotary park and to install appropriate signage.

Correspondence has been received from Upper Blue Mountains Rotary stating that they would be interested in supplying a plaque recognising Ron Bidwell.

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ACTION

THAT contact be made with Ron Bidwell's family to seek their views on the wording of the plaque.

MOVED: Clr Statham **SECONDED:** Rachel Young

**ITEM: 6 COMMEMORATIVE SIGNAGE QUEEN ELIZABETH PARK
 LITHGOW**

SUMMARY

Council has received a request that Council install a commemorative sign and plant a Lone Pine tree near the Queen Elizabeth Park Cenotaph.

COMMENTARY

Council resolved on 25 June 2018 to support the installation of the plaque listing the names of all who served in World War 1 on the Queen Elizabeth Park War Memorial. This project has been an initiative of Mr Ian Burrett of Portland, whose father fought in WW1.

The plaque is currently being manufactured and is to be unveiled at the Remembrance Day ceremony on 11 November 2018.

Mr Burrett has also requested that Council install a commemorative sign and plant a Lone Pine tree near the Cenotaph, and that Council list the names of all those on the plaque on Council's website.

Mr Burrett has provided the content of the sign as attached to this agenda. The sign gives prominence to Captain Jack Hamilton VC, the only man with a connection to Lithgow who was awarded a VC during WW1. Captain Hamilton was born in Orange, where he is recognised on the Orange War Memorial, and enlisted in Sydney however Australian War Memorial records state that he was schooled in Oakey Park where his father owned a butcher shop. The sign also gives prominence to Lieutenant Colonel Joe Burrett, Mr Burrett's father who was platoon commander and was awarded the Distinguished Service Order.

Mr Burrett has been advised that his sign draft will be considered by the Community Development Committee.

ACTION

THAT The proposed sign be referred to the Lithgow RSL Sub-Branch for advice.

MOVED: Mayor Lesslie **SECONDED:** Glenda Anthes

ITEM: 7 UPDATE ON CURRENT PROJECTS

SUMMARY

An update was provided on projects currently underway in Community and Culture.

COMMENTARY

A report was given on progress with the Endeavour Park adventure playground. Works are progressing to schedule with an anticipated December 2018 completion date.

ACTION

THAT the discussion on current projects be noted.

MOVED: Leanne Walding

SECONDED: Clr Ring

ITEM: 8 GENERAL BUSINESS

Leanne Walding advised the Committee that the next Walk and Talk event will be held at Blast Furnace on Saturday 22 September at 9:30am.

Some matters as follows were raised which have been forwarded to the appropriate Council Department for response:

- Tourism Flagship funding – referred to Visitor Centre
- Remaining works at Cook St Plaza – referred to Project Engineer.

Meeting Closed 4:50pm

Next Meeting Tuesday 13 November 2018 at 4:00pm
