



LITHGOW CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

FINANCE AND SERVICES COMMITTEE
MEETING OF COUNCIL

HELD ON

04 SEPTEMBER 2006

AT 7.00pm

**MINUTES OF THE LITHGOW CITY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE CIVIC CENTRE, LITHGOW ON 4 SEPTEMBER 2006**

Meeting Commenced 7.00pm

Public Gallery: 7

PRESENT

His Worship the Mayor
Councillor Neville Castle
Councillor B P Morrissey
Councillor M F Ticehurst
Councillor W McAndrew
Councillor H K Fisher
Councillor B S Moran
Councillor M M Collins
Councillor A E Thompson
Councillor M J Wilson

APOLOGIES

NIL

Also in attendance

General Manager, Mr Paul Anderson
Group Manager Regional Services, Mr Andrew Muir
Group Manager, Community and Corporate, MS Kathy Woolley
Minutes Secretary, Ms Casey Clarke
Policy and Planning Manager, Mrs Amanda Muir

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Confirmation of the Minutes of the Finance and Services Committee Meeting of Council held on the 7 August 2006 were taken as read and confirmed by Councillors B S Moran and M J Wilson

**06- 284 RESOLVED
CARRIED**

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

His Worship the Mayor called for Declarations of Interest on any matter before the Meeting.

NIL

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC GALLERY

At 7.00pm members of public gallery were invited to address questions through the Mayor to Councillors and Staff: -

NIL

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NOTICES OF RESCISSION

ITEM:1 NOTICE OF MOTION TO RESCIND A RESOLUTION

REFERENCE

NIL

COMMENTARY

Councillors were all invited to a presentation from ADI on 21 August 2006 at which additional information on the condition and cost to repair the Chimney on the ADI site in Lithgow was detailed by ADI.

Council should note that ADI raised significant concerns regarding safety issues if the chimney is retained and action has already been taken to isolate the immediate vicinity around the chimney due to ADI's assessment of the instability of the structure. Such is the condition of the chimney that ADI reported inspections of the capping of the chimney have resulted in the identification of broken cast iron pieces in excess of 3kg have already broken away from the capping and that there are significant structural cracking evident.

ADI indicated it would consider partial relocation of the chimney to another area on the site - or use of bricks in the chimney in a formation to commemorate the chimney. They also indicated they could consider how to record the chimney by photographic means or commissioning a painting of the chimney may also be considered.

Therefore, in light of this information the rescission motion was submitted to Council for consideration and further debate.

MOTION

In accordance with the provisions of Section 372 of the Local Government Act 1993 we, the undersigned Councillors, hereby provide notice of motion to rescind resolutions No 06-205 carried at Councils Policy and Strategy Committee Meeting of 3 July 2006 and no 06-247 of the Policy and Strategy Committee Meeting of 7 August 2006 regarding the development application to demolish the ADI Chimney.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

NIL

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

NIL

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

NIL

RECOMMENDATION

THAT:

1. In accordance with Councils draft policy "calling in Development Applications by Councillors", requiring the notification by three councillors of the calling up of a development application, Council notes that Councillors undersigned seek to have the development application for demolition of the chimney referred to a Finance and Services Committee meeting for determination of Council.
2. The General Manager participate in discussion with ADI to determine an appropriate memorial/record if the chimney and that the proposed outcome for the memorial be presented to Council for consideration.

06- 285 RESOLVED

THAT:

1. In accordance with the provisions of Section 372 of the Local Government Act 1993 we, the undersigned Councillors, hereby provide notice of motion to rescind resolutions No 06-205 carried at Councils Policy and Strategy Committee Meeting of 3 July 2006 and no 06-247 of the Policy and Strategy Committee Meeting of 7 August 2006 regarding the development application to demolish the ADI Chimney.
2. In accordance with Councils draft policy "calling in Development Applications by Councillors", requiring the notification by three councillors of the calling up of a development application, Council notes that Councillors undersigned seek to have the development application for demolition of the chimney referred to a Finance and Services Committee meeting for determination of Council.
3. The General Manager participate in discussion with ADI to determine an appropriate memorial/record if the chimney and that the proposed outcome for the memorial be presented to Council for consideration.

MOVED: Councillor H K Fisher

SECONDED: Councillor A E Thompson.

CARRIED

Councillor M J Wilson was noted as against the recommendation.

GENERAL MANAGER REPORTS

ITEM:2 GM - 04/09/06 - RECOVERY OF LOW USAGE PAYPHONES BY
 TELSTRA

REFERENCE

NIL

SUMMARY

This report outlines correspondence received from the Federal Member for Calare regard payphones.

COMMENTARY

On behalf of Council the Federal Member for Calare made representations to Telstra and has been advised that Telstra will be standing by their original decision and the phones will not be reinstated.

Telstra also stated that the payphones in question had showed a significant decline in use and the ongoing costs such as coin collection, cleaning maintenance and repair of damage had increased. Therefore the level of usage did not cover the cost of keeping them in their current locations.

However the member for Federal Member was advised that there are no plans for the removal of any further payphones in the LGA area this year, including Lidsdale.

The Federal Member cannot see any way the removed phones would be reinstated but hopes Council can help monitor the situation in regard to remaining phones during the year and into 2007.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

NIL

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

NIL

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

NIL

06- 286 RESOLVED

THAT the information be received.

MOVED: Councillor B S Moran

SECONDED: Councillor M J Wilson.

CARRIED

REGIONAL SERVICES REPORTS

ITEM:3 **REG - 04/09/06 LAMBERTS GULLY COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE**

SUMMARY

Previously, the State Government approved an application from Springvale Coal Pty Ltd. for the extension of an Open Cut Coal Mine, known as Lamberts Gully Mine. As part of the conditions of consent a Community Consultative Committee (CCC) is to be formed. At it's Finance and Services Committee of 3 July 2006 it was resolved that:

“Council nominate Councillor H K Fisher and the General Manager as nominees for Council on the Community Consultative Committee for the Lamberts Gully Open Cut Mine.”

This report seeks Council's comment on the company's approach toward setting up the remainder of the CCC.

COMMENTARY

As part of conditions of consent placed on the Lamberts Gully Open Cut Coal Mine approval the CCC shall include 4 representatives from the local community, whose appointment has been approved by the Council. The conditions also provide an option in relation to the Chairperson of the committee being either an independent or Council representative.

As part of the correspondence submitted by the company it has been requested that Council comment on the process by which the company propose to establish the committee. Springvale Coal propose to contact all residents within a 2km radius calling for prospective members to join the CCC. Currently, Council chairs the CCC for the Pinedale Open Cut Mine which is situated adjacent to the Lamberts Gully operations.

For the purposes of simplicity the company may seek to look at nominating the same committee (all current members own property within 2km's of both operations) as that of Pinedale. This has the advantage of simplifying the process by having the same community representation on both committees whilst not complicating the matter of concerned residents contacting the wrong committee member elected should they have mine related concerns. Furthermore, it would be advantageous for the Council representative to be chair of both committees.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications as a result of this report.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

This committee is a requirement attached to the development approval. Under these conditions the Committee must be established prior to the development beginning operations. The number of persons on the committee are set by the consent and could not be altered except by the modification process.

06- 287 RESOLVED

THAT Council indicate to the company that including the delegates currently sitting on the Pinedale Community Consultative Committee into the Lamberts Gully Community Consultative Committee simplifies the processes involved and that Council would prefer its representative to be the chair of the Lamberts Gully Community Consultative Committee.

MOVED: Councillor B S Moran

SECONDED: Councillor M J Wilson.

CARRIED

ITEM:4 REG - 04/09/2006 DEVELOPMENT & CONSTRUCTION APPROVALS

REPORT

Purpose of Report

The following Development Applications and Combined Development/Construction Certificate Applications have been approved subject to compliance with the requirements of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, the Mine Subsidence Act, where applicable, and any special conditions.

DA NUMBER	OWNERS NAME	SITE ADDRESS	PROPOSAL	APPROVAL TIME (DAYS)
212/06	SG MCKINNON	172 BLACKHEATH CREEK ROAD, LITTLE HARTLEY	DWELLING	16
263/06	S CARDILE	14 HENNING CRESCENT, WALLERAWANG	DWELLING	5
168/06	GT & KJ SIMMONS	11 DONALD STREET, LITHGOW	COLOURBOND INDUSTRIAL SHED	56
235/06	A & CM WHEELER	16 THORNTON AVENUE, LITHGOW	PATIO COVER	24
276/06	G & RS HOULISON	18 WINDARRA PLACE, MARRANGAROO	PATIO	11
281/06	WG DICK	131 MORT STREET LITHGOW	RENOVATIONS TO EXISTING BUILDING	4
542/05	WESTFUND P/L	120 MAIN STREET, LITHGOW	THIRD FLOOR RESIDENTIAL APARTMENTS	21
177/06	AGONIC HOLDINGS	2281 GREAT WESTERN HIGHWAY, MT LAMBIE	DWELLING & GARAGE	32
229/06	RJ & MC THEOBALD	46 LYON PARADE, WALLERAWANG	PATIO COVER	6

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257/06	RR & TL CASE	13 CHIVERS CLOSE, LITHGOW	PATIO CAOVER	6
240/06	H DOUGHERTY	208 MAIN STREET, LITHGOW	ALTERATIONS TO COMMERCIAL BUILDING	8
203/06	I WILLIAMS	140 CUTHILL RD, RYDAL	5 LOT SUBDIVISION	46
161/06	G D BOYD	LOT 154, CULLENBENBONG RD, KANIMBLA VALLEY	2 LOT SUBDIVISION	41
285/06	PA & KA MCLACHLAN	579 BACK CULLEN ROAD, PORTLAND	GARAGE	6
504/05	JEFF CRANE	43 MAIN STREET, LITHGOW	MARTIAL ARTS TRAINING CENTRE	38
197/06	DAVID MILLER	LOT 1 & LOT 4 FULLAGHER AVE, LITHGOW	BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT	11
191/06	D & K HOLLAND	LOT 4, GEMALONG CLOSE, MARRANGAROO	DWELLING	37
104/06	J ARKLEY-SMITH	183 MORT STREET, LITHGOW	COMMERCIAL PREMISES – TAX AGENT	33
246/06	M & S TOFLER	2297 GREAT WESTERN HWY, LITTLE HARTLEY	CONVERSION TO GENERAL STORE	33
169/06	B A JOHNSON	85A CRANBROOK PARK ROAD, LITTLE HARTLEY	FARM SHEDS	50
270/06	MS PALMER	18 MAPLE CRESCENT, LITHGOW	GARAGE/WORKSHOP	11
207/06	G & L CROSS	82 WRIGHTS ROAD, LITHGOW	EXTENSION TO DWELLING	21
94/06	CA & AM BLAKE	5016 CASTLEREAGH HIGHWAY, CAPERTEE	DWELLING	7
199/06	HJ MOORE	“BIMBADEEN” 941 SODWALLS ROAD, TARANA	DUAL OCCUPANCY	29
220/06	D & R HORTON	25 HENDERSON PLACE, LITHGOW	DWELLING	12
259/06	P & K PILBEAM	ROBERTSON STREET, LITHGOW	DWELLING	10
261/06	RM CAHOUN	14 READ AVENUE, LITHGOW	DWELLING	40

Total Estimated Cost:	\$2,906,862
Average Approval Time	19 days
Total Cost of Approvals from 1/01/06	\$17,723,137
No. of Applications from 1/01/2006	396

Councillor H K Fisher declared a pecuniary interest in this item due to his son being the owner of DA 542/05 and being a director of Westfund. He vacated the Chambers.

06- 288 RESOLVED

THAT the information be received

MOVED: Councillor B S Moran

SECONDED: Councillor M M Collins.

CARRIED

ITEM:5 REG - 04/09/2006 - LITHGOW LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA WATER USAGE

REPORT FROM: Strategic Engineer – L. Kearney

REFERENCE

Nil.

SUMMARY

Comparison of figures for 2005 and 2006 for water usage within the Lithgow Local Government area.

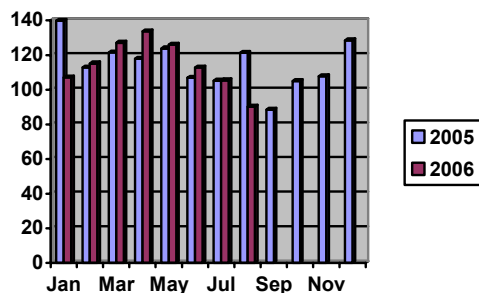
COMMENTARY

Lithgow Local Government Area Water Usage, including use from Farmers Creek Dam and Fish River Water Supply. It should be noted that Council's maximum annual allocation of water from the Fish River Water Supply is 2,092 megalitres, and to date, Council has utilised 599 megalitres of water from this supply, equating to approximately 29% of its annual allocation.

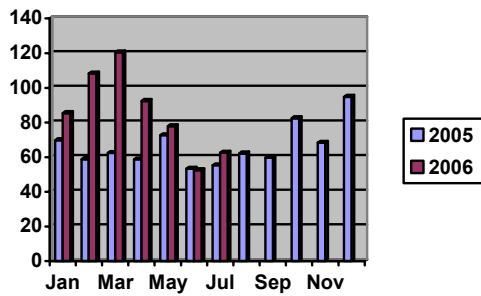
	2005			2006		
	Farmers Creek Dam (ML)	Fish River Water Supply (ML)	Total (ML)	Farmers Creek Dam (ML)	Fish River Water Supply (ML)	Total (ML)
January	139.745	69.753	209.498	107.086	85.456	192.542
February	112.835	58.864	171.699	115.126	108.236	223.362
March	121.438	62.414	183.852	127.115	120.423	247.538
April	117.836	58.763	176.599	133.557	92.345	225.902
May	123.884	72.694	196.578	125.966	77.810	203.776
June	106.872	53.392	160.264	112.814	52.381	165.195
July	105.235	55.289	160.524	105.382	62.530	167.912
August	121.397	62.105	183.484	90.220*		90.220*
September	88.470	59.817	148.287			
October	104.953	82.421	187.374			
November	107.772	68.302	176.074			
December	128.566	94.874	223.440			
TOTAL (ML)	1,379.003	798.688	2,177.691	917.266*	599.181	1,516.447*

*Usage to 24 August 2006

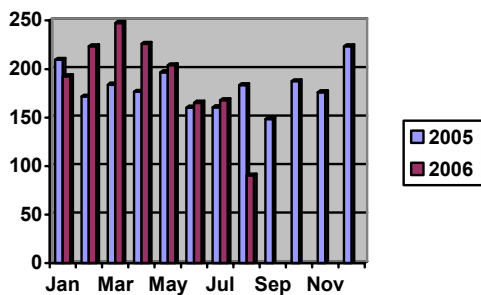
Farmers Creek Dam Usage (ML)



Fish River Water Supply Usage (ML)



Total Water Consumption in Lithgow LGA (ML)



Farmers Creek Dam is currently at 84% of its full capacity and Oberon Dam is currently at 37.6% of its full capacity.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

06- 289 RESOLVED

THAT the information be received

MOVED: Councillor B S Moran

SECONDED: Councillor A E Thompson.

CARRIED

ITEM:6 REG - 04/09/06 - DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

REPORT FROM: ACTING GROUP MANAGER REGIONAL SERVICES - ANDREW MUIR

SUMMARY

To inform the Council of recently submitted development applications.

COMMENTARY

In order to keep the Council informed of current development proposals, the following list is provided of development applications which have been received after the last report to the Finance and Services Committee on 7 August 2006. The list excludes dwellings, additions, carports and associated residential proposals or proposals of a minor nature.

Significant Development Applications received			
DA No.	Date Received	Proposal	Property
287/06DACC	02/08/06	Shop Fitout	156 Main Street, Lithgow
291/06DA	10/08/2006	12 Lot Subdivision	2430 Great Western Hwy, Lithgow
292/06DA	10/08/2006	2 Lot Subdivision	175 Jerrys Meadow Rd, Sodwalls
296/06DA	23/08/2006	Boundary Adjustment	Wallerawang Power Stn, Main Street, Wallerawang
297/06DA	25/08/2006	Restricted Premises – Adult Shop	L1, DP530041 - Main Street, Lithgow
299/06DACC	17/08/2006	Renew & Realign Awning	Court House Hotel, Main Street, Lithgow
309/06DACC	25/08/2006	3 Flagpoles	Chifley Road, Lithgow
310/06DACC	25/08/2006	Shopfit Out – Noodle Bar	131 Main Street, Lithgow
311/06DACC	25/08/2006	3 Flagpoles	-McDonalds – Great Western Hwy, Lithgow

If Councillors wish to receive more detailed information on any of the aforementioned applications, then this can be provided.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no policy implications as a result of this Report, however, the development applications will be assessed in light of any applicable policies.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The costs involved in processing the development applications are the only financial implications at this stage. These costs are budgeted for in the 2006/07 Recurrent Budget.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

The applications are subject to the requirements of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.

06- 290 RESOLVED

THAT the information be received.
MOVED: Councillor B S Moran

SECONDED: Councillor H K Fisher.

CARRIED

ITEM:7 REG - 04/09/06 - 2006/07 CIVIL CONSTRUCTION WORKS PROGRAM

REPORT FROM: ANDREW MUIR - ACTING GROUP MANAGER REGIONAL SERVICES

SUMMARY

To advise Council of the Construction Works program proposed in it's Operations, Water and Waste Water programs for the remainder of the 2006/2007 financial year.

COMMENTARY

Construction programs have been prepared for major works proposed in 2006/2007 in the Operations, Water & Waste Water areas. The proposed programs are reported for Council's information.

Operations

Since the adoption of the 2006/2007 Management Plan Council's construction team has concentrated its roadwork's construction on the Dark Corner project which involves the construction of a total of 5.7 kilometres of road funded partially by Forests NSW. There are some issues that need to be negotiated with Forests NSW to secure the future of this project and works will now cease after the reconstruction of 2.3km which will be sealed later in the year. The balance of the works program has been prepared for remaining projects in the current financial year which is attached to the business paper.

The program is ambitious and proposes to utilise Council's own labour and plant except in situations requiring specialist input or use of specialist plant. Roads to Recovery funding is proposed to be spread on several projects as follows:

Roads to Recovery	
Glen Davis Road	\$180,000
Mills Street - Footbridge	\$40,000
Blackheath Creek Road	\$135,000
Diamond Swamp Road	\$25,000
Martins Road	\$20,000

The works on Glen Davis Road are proposed to be maximised by utilising Council's Management Plan allocation of \$90,749 for preparatory works and rolling the project over by commencing in late 2006/2007 and finishing in early 2007/2008 as an additional \$100,000 is proposed in the second year of the three year financial plan. This additional \$100,000 is of course reliant on Council's formal approval of it's inclusion in the draft budget for 2007/2008.

Also of interest is a total amount of \$60,000 part funded from Roads to Recovery for the replacement of the footbridge at Mills Street. This has a relationship to a question raised by Councillor Fisher recently in regard to the blocking of a traditional access track by a resident in the area.

In summary, it would appear likely that the creek bank is also the property boundary and whilst formal surveys and legal advice could be obtained it appears that a better result can be achieved by replacing the footbridge in Mills Street and constructing a pedestrian/cycle linkage from the vehicular bridge in Island Parade.

Councillors may note from perusing the 2006/2007 Management Plan that an amount of \$188,000 was to be expended from Roads to Recovery funding on Wolgan Road. As the Emirates project has been delayed it is proposed to reallocate the funding in the current financial year and apply Roads to Recovery funding to Wolgan Road in 2007/2008.

It is also proposed to utilise Council's construction staff and plant as much as possible on major projects such as Stage 2 of the flood mitigation works for Farmers Creek and various civil works at the proposed Blackman's Flat Waste Facility.

Water

The most challenging project for the Water program is the construction of a new reservoir at South Bowenfels. The Department of Commerce is undertaking a project management role and following the successful negotiation with landholders the tender process will commence shortly following the finalisation of survey works. Once again it is hoped that Council resources can be utilised for part of the project. In addition to this project a reticulation pipeline is also under investigation.

Another very important project relates to works at the Water Treatment Plant in order to comply with a Pollution Reduction Program implemented by the Environment Protection Authority to protect Farmers Creek from residual backwash material and sludge created in the water treatment process.

Waste Water

The most significant projects in the Waste Water program relate to major upgrade works at Lithgow and Wallerawang Sewerage Treatment Plants. The works at Lithgow are described in a separate report in the business paper and the Wallerawang upgrade may be subject to review.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

No specific policy implications arise as a result of this report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The total of the program for Civil Construction is \$5,128,721, \$1,826,158 for Water and \$10,240,243 for Waste Water. The sources of funding are indicated in the individual programs attached.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Matters such as the upgrades at Lithgow and Wallerawang Sewerage Treatment Plant are subject to Environment Protection Licences and Pollution Reduction programs. It is envisaged that these programs may need to be discussed with the Environment Protection Authority to discuss variations to timetables for completion.

CONCLUSION

Whilst every attempt will be made to carry out the works programs in accordance with the timelines proposed there must be some degree of flexibility given the issues that may arise. However, the programs represent a commitment to strategically planning major works and making this information available to the Council and the community. They will be placed on Council's website so that members of the community may be informed of major upcoming works planned for the year. A similar project with regard to rural roads maintenance is also nearing completion.

06- 291 RESOLVED

THAT Council note the proposed Works programs for the Operations, Water and Waste Water programs for 2006/2007.

MOVED: Councillor B P Morrissey

SECONDED: Councillor B S Moran.

CARRIED

COMMUNITY AND CORPORATE SERVICES REPORTS

ITEM:8 COMM - 04/09/06 - SEC 356 DONATIONS TO 15/08/06

REPORT FROM: CAROL FARNSWORTH - MANAGER INTERNAL SERVICES

SUMMARY

To advise Council of payments allocated in 2006-07 from Sec 356 donations which have been approved by delegate authority or Council resolution and to further seek Council consideration for current requests.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

Min 06-183: 19 June 2006 2006-09 Management Plan

REPORT

Council allocated \$20,000 in the 2006-09 Management Plan for donations approved under Section 356 of the Local Government Act.

As at 15 August 2006 the following payments have been made:

DATE	ORGANISATION	ASSISTANCE	AMOUNT
Management Plan Allocation 2006-07			\$20,000.00
24.07.06	GLATSIC Naidoc Week	Cont :Min 06-162 05.06.06	500.00
04.08.06	Lithgow High School	Presentation Day : Delegation	50.00
07.08.06	Bicentennial National Trail	Refund DA Fees: Min 06-229	261.95
Total: Sec 356 Donations to 15 August 2006			\$811.95
2006-07 Allocation Remaining			<u>\$19,188.05</u>

Council is in receipt of the following requests for assistance and determination is required:

1. Lithgow Country Women's Association
 Equivalent of 2005/06 General fund rates which has been provided in past years
 Recommended donation of: \$417.21

2. Wallerawang Country Women's Association
 Equivalent of 2005/06 General fund rates which has been provided in past years
 Recommended donation of: \$408.69

3. Portland & District Motor Sports Club Inc
Race Sponsorship
Recommended donation of: \$60.00
4. Lithgow & District Poultry Club
Trophy purchase for Annual show which has been provided in past years
Recommended donation of: \$300.00
5. Lithgow Primary School
Contribution for fete. Council policy lists donations to schools for end of year presentations only.
Recommended donation of: Nil
6. Lithgow Golf Club
Lithgow Golf Open sponsorship 15.10.06 which has been provided in past years.
Recommended donation of: \$1,000 following appropriate advertising
7. Crystal Theatre Community Cinema
Contribution to 'Thomas' organ purchase for Crystal Theatre
Recommended donation of: \$500
8. Capertee & District Progress Assoc
Request for disabled access ramp of \$2,000 not to be funded from hall improvements allocation of \$10,000 previously made to the Capertee & District Progress Assoc Inc.
Regional Services have indicated the funds for the ramp will be allocated from 2006/07 maintenance allocations.
Recommended donation of: Nil
9. Lithgow Greyhound Club
Assistance with Rates and Water accounts
Recommended donation of: \$4,350

Council Officers recently received a deputation from the Lithgow Greyhound Club and the Lithgow Soccer Club with regard to the high water / sewer accounts being received on the property owned by the Workers Greyhound Club.

Water and sewerage accounts for Jun - Dec 2005 and Jan - Jun 2006 were \$7,509.62 and \$1,222.62 respectively. Water usage on the site was excessive due to the large volumes of water used watering the inside area of the track and both bodies have now implemented measures to monitor water usage weekly. This has proven to be very effective and the results are shown by the reduction in the Jan - Jun account.

Since the meeting of the 9 August 2006 the Greyhound Club have submitted a Financial Assistance application and are requesting Council provide financial assistance as in past years which has been between \$5,000 and \$10,000. No allocation was made by Council in the 2006-07 Management Plan. Should financial assistance be considered on this occasion it may be appropriate to reimburse the equivalent of half of the water / sewer usage for 2005/06 ie \$4,350.00

Public Consultation

Advertising to be conducted for any donations to made businesses.

Budget & Financial Aspects

Sec 356 donations of \$811.95 have been made as at 15 August 2006, from \$20,000 allocated in the 2006/07 Management Plan, \$19,188.05 remains unallocated.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

06- 292 RESOLVED

THAT:

1. Council note donations of \$811.95 made under Sec 356 to 15 August 2006
2. Following appropriate advertising for donations made to businesses Council grant funds from Sec 356 as follows:

ITEM	ORGANISATION	AMOUNT
1)	Lithgow Country Womens Assoc	\$417.21
2)	Wallerawang Country Womens Assoc	\$408.69
3)	Portland & Dist Motor Sports Club	\$60.00
4)	Lithgow & Dist Poultry Club	\$300.00
6)	Lithgow Golf Club Open	\$1,000.00
7)	Crystal Theatre Comm Cinema	\$500.00
10)	Lithgow Greyhound Club	\$4,350.00
	TOTAL	\$7,035.90

MOVED: Councillor M M Collins

SECONDED: Councillor W McAndrew.

CARRIED

**ITEM:9 COMM- 04/09/06 - REQUEST FOR COUNCIL TO CONTINUE TO ACT
AS GUARANTOR FOR LITHGOW HOCKEY ASSOCIATION**

Report by Group Manager Community and Corporate – K. Woolley

REFERENCE

Min 864 – 22 November 1999

SUMMARY

To advise Council of a report for the LHC for Council to act as Guarantor of a loan for an upgraded Hockey Pitch. This report will recommend council agree to the request.

COMMENTARY

Council has been advised by the Lithgow Hockey Association that they intend to upgrade a second pitch to enable the installation of a further water- based pitch at the Glanmire site. The Association upgraded one pitch to a water-based pitch in 1999 and has been successful in attracting strong use of the facility since the upgrade occurred.

The Association has indicated it will seek funding through the Department of Sport and Recreation to gather a substantial part of the necessary funds estimated to be in the vicinity of \$550,000 to create a second water-based pitch.

The attached letter from the Association indicates the scope of the project and the request to Council act as guarantor for the loan required of an estimated \$275,000.

At a meeting with members of the Association, Council staff were advised of the options the Association had considered regarding upgrading the existing surface or replacing with a water-based surface. The Association has assessed that a second water-based pitch will provide greater serviceability and usage for the facility into the future. The water-based pitches are better quality and a preferred surface for players. They are a better surface for ensuring player safety is at a high level.

The Association has illustrated its ability in the past to manage the necessary loan repayments and Council agreed in 1999 to act as guarantor for the Association for up to \$300,000.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

NIL

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Council has assisted the Hockey Association in the past when the group upgraded the facilities with a water-based turf. In November 1999, Council provided \$25,000 towards the cost of lighting and a further \$20,000 as an interest free loan to be repaid within 5 years. At this time, Council also increased its guarantee from \$250,000 to \$300,000.

In January 2004, Council advised the Association they could access the Council's depot for fuel for the mower and brush cutter for the maintenance of the site.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

The Association has provided a letter from their bank indicating the management of the existing loan portfolio and the Bank indicates its satisfaction and the financial position of the Association at present.

It is recommended to Council that the Association be asked to meet the costs of creating any necessary legal documents to enter into the guarantor arrangement should Council support the matter.

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THAT:

1. Council agree to act as guarantor to the Lithgow Hockey Association for an amount of up to \$275,000;
2. Council seek that the Hockey Association meet all legal costs in drawing up any documentation to be executed between Council and the Association;
3. Council offer a letter of support to the Association indicating Council's support of their actions to seek funds for the upgrade of the existing pitch to water- based surface at the Glanmire grounds.

MOVED: Councillor B S Moran

SECONDED: Councillor M J Wilson.

CARRIED

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

ITEM:10 REG - 04/09/06 - TRAFFIC AUTHORITY LOCAL COMMITTEE TO BE HELD ON THURSDAY 13 JULY 2006

PRESENT: Cr Howard Fisher (Chair); Mr Bob Walker (RTA); Sergeant Mark Brown (NSW Police); Mr George Schurr (MLA Representative)

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Mr Andrew Muir, Mr Matthew Irvine, Mr Paul Creelman (LCC)

APOLOGIES: Cr Martin Ticehurst

REPORT:

ITEM 1 – MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the previous Traffic Authority Local Committee meeting held on 9 February 2006, are attached for the information and adoption of committee members. The committee is advised that these minutes have not yet been reported by Council, Mr Andrew Muir, Council's Acting Group Manager, Regional Services will be in attendance at this meeting to discuss and explain this matter.

This information is to be noted.

Moved: George Schurr

Seconded: Bob Walker

ITEM 2 – BUSINESS ARISING

As per Item 1, as the previous minutes have not yet been adopted by Council, there can be no business arising from those minutes for consideration at this meeting.

Recommendation:

1. THAT the minutes of the meeting held on 9th February 2006, be re-submitted for Council adoption, without Item 9 (Cook Street and Woolworths traffic issues), and that the temporary traffic management measures referred to in Item 9 remain in place, subject to review.
2. THAT in relation to Item 9, the committee and Council note the following:
 - a) Council be aware of the efforts of the Regional Services department to obtain funding to redevelop the Eskbank Street Taxi rank, including the widening of the entrance to Main Street Lane to enable trucks to access the laneway from Eskbank Street;
 - b) A meeting be held between Woolworths management and Council to determine whether smaller trucks can be used to deliver to the store;
 - c) Discussions be held between Woolworths, Council and the Local Member of Parliament, regarding the possibility of the developer purchasing the building on the South-Western corner of the Main Street Lane and Cook Street intersection (Dr Joseph's building), so that the laneway can be widened.

Moved: Cr Howard Fisher

Seconded: George Schurr

ITEM 3 – SAFETY CONCERNS - CRANE ROAD LITHGOW

Correspondence has been received from concerned residents about alleged dangerous actions of drivers using Sandford Avenue and Crane Road Lithgow. The operation of The Secret Creek

Restaurant has increased the volumes of traffic using these roads. The specific behaviours raised include:

- Speeding; and
- Cars and motorcycles with loud and noisy exhausts.

Recommendation: THAT the information be referred to the NSW Police (Chifley Highway Patrol) for action.

Moved: George Schurr

Seconded: Bob Walker

ITEM 4 – CREATION OF SHARED PARKING AND LOADING ZONES – MAIN STREET, LITHGOW

The committee has been asked to consider the creation of some shared Loading and Parking Zones in Main Street, Lithgow.

There is a lack of commercial Loading Zones in the Main Street precinct. Previous efforts to install dedicated Loading Zones have been met with considerable opposition from the local businesses closest to the suggested locations.

To combat this, Council Engineers have suggested the creation of two or more shared Loading / Parking Zones. Such zones would be marked as Loading Zone 7am-10am, and then 1 Hour Parking 10am-6pm Monday-Friday, or such times as deemed suitable by the committee.

Similarly, a shared and timed arrangement could also be established between loading zones and bus zones. While a loading zone and a bus zone cannot operate concurrently, it is possible to establish a zone that operates for loading purposes from 6am until 9am or 10am (for example), followed by a bus zoning for the remainder of the day, or as signposted.

Proposed locations are: Main Street Westbound, West of Cook Street Plaza (beyond Taxi rank), and Main Street Eastbound, East of the Cook Street Plaza Crossing.

Recommendation:

1. THAT Council approve the installation of two shared Loading/Parking Zones in Main Street, Lithgow, at Main Street Westbound, West of Cook Street Plaza (beyond Taxi rank), and Main Street Eastbound, East of the Cook Street Plaza Crossing. Loading Zones are to operate from 7am until 10am Monday to Saturday, and are to be of the minimum length allowable under RTA guidelines.
2. THAT Council approach local bus operators to identify any locations where shared bus and loading zones could be established.

Moved: Bob Walker

Seconded: George Schurr

ITEM 5 – U-TURNS ON GREAT WESTERN HIGHWAY, MARRANGAROO

Complaints have been received about West bound trucks and other vehicles performing U-Turns at the intersection of Oakey Forest Road and the Great Western Highway, in order to access the service station located on the East bound side of the highway.

It is recommended by Council officers that the Council refer the matter to the NSW Roads and Traffic Authority and the NSW Police (Chifley LAC), requesting that the 'No U-Turn' signage that exists at this intersection be reviewed and enforced, and that similar signage be installed at the turnoff to Marangaroo Fields and at Reserve Road. Such signage would allow Highway Patrol officers to issue infringement notices to drivers engaging in this high risk manoeuvre.

It is also recommended that a 'No Through Road' sign be installed on Oakey Forest Road, following from a suggestion made by Councillor Thompson at a recent council meeting.

Recommendation:

1. THAT the NSW Roads and Traffic Authority be requested to review existing and install additional 'No U-Turn' signs on the Great Western Highway at the intersections of Oakey Forest Road, Reserve Road and Marangaroo Fields estate;
2. THAT a 'No Through Road' sign be installed on Oakey Forest Road by Council.

Moved: Bob Walker

Seconded: Mark Brown

ITEM 6 – PEDESTRIAN CROSSING, ESKBANK STREET LITHGOW

A complaint has been received regarding the crossing in Eskbank Street Lithgow, immediately adjacent to Mort Street. Traffic turning off Mort Street often fails to see pedestrians using this crossing, and subsequently this traffic is forced to queue in Mort Street. This situation could be avoided by relocating the crossing some distance to the North, placing it in the centre of the Eskbank Street block between Mort and Main Streets (at the front of the Taxi rank).

After inspecting the site, Council officers do not currently recommend the relocation of the crossing, however more detailed investigations should be conducted in conjunction with the School Safety Officer from the NSW Roads and Traffic Authority.

Recommendation: THAT Council officers review pedestrian crossing markings at the intersection of Mort Street and Eskbank Street, Lithgow, and consult with the School Safety Officer from the NSW Roads and Traffic Authority regarding suitable treatments for the area.

Moved: Mark Brown

Seconded: Howard Fisher

ITEM 7 – INTERSECTION OF SUNNY CORNER/PORTLAND ROAD AND MEADOW FLAT ROAD

Following two motor vehicle collisions at the above named intersection, Council has been requested to review the priority of this intersection, giving priority to traffic travelling from the Great Western Highway (Meadow Flat) through to Portland.

At present, traffic travelling North/South to and from Sunny Corner has natural priority, however this route is the minor route and carries only a small volume of traffic compared with the Portland route. Further, the Meadow Flat – Sunny Corner road becomes very narrow to the North of this intersection, a reflection of the fact that it is not as heavily used as the Portland route.

Recommendation:

1. THAT signage and line marking works be undertaken at the intersection to provide better roadway delineation and directional signage. This is to include a marked 'Give Way' treatment on Portland Road, 'Reduce Speed' and intersection advisory signage, and new directional signage to the localities of Meadow Flat, Portland and Sunny Corner;
2. THAT Council implement a vegetation management plan for the intersection to ensure adequate sight distances are available to drivers.

Moved: George Schurr

Seconded: Bob Walker

ITEM 8 – INTERSECTION OF CULLENBENBONG, GANGBENANG AND MARSDEN SWAMP ROADS

In 2005, Council reconstructed a long section of Gangbenang Road, between Lowther Siding Road and the Cullenbenbong/Marsden Swamp Road intersection.

As part of the works, the priority of the intersection was changed to favour traffic turning into and from Cullenbenbong Road. Previously, Gangbenang Road simply became Marsden Swamp Road, and traffic continuing straight ahead along this route had right of way.

Temporary arrangements including a Stop sign and a marked turn bay have been trialled in the area. Following numerous inspections and correspondence with residents of both Cullenbenbong and Marsden Swamp Roads, it is clear that these temporary arrangements are not working, and present a danger to traffic using the intersection.

It is recommended that Council explore two options, these being to return the 'natural priority' to Marsden Swamp road and install a 'Give Way' sign on Cullenbenbong Road, or; Install a small, mountable roundabout at the location, providing three way priority where a 'Give way to the right' road rule will apply to all traffic.

Recommendation:

1. THAT Council undertake temporary works to improve sight lines at the intersection, including the removal of the earth bank between Cullenbenbong and Marsden Swamp Roads;
2. THAT detailed design plans be commissioned for an intersection that includes a marked 'slip lane' for traffic entering Gangbenang Road from Marsden Swamp Road;
3. THAT residents be informed of the proposal.

Moved: Bob Walker

Seconded: Mark Brown

ITEM 9 – RANGE ROAD, MEADOW FLAT (MR 557)

A complaint has been received regarding the volume and behaviour of trucks using Main Road 557, or Range Road. This road has recently had a considerable amount of work undertaken, however there is still a section of new, unsealed road that has not been opened to traffic. Residents seek to have this section opened as soon as possible, to reduce the likelihood of a traffic accident on this road.

Recommendation: THAT the information be received, and the issue be referred to Council for budgetary considerations.

Moved: Cr Fisher

Seconded: George Schurr

ITEM 10 – PARKING OUTSIDE GUMNUT HOUSE AND REQUEST FOR 40KM SPEED LIMIT

Gumnut House in Proto Avenue have written to Council requesting that timed parking restrictions be implemented in Proto Avenue, to improve safety around the child care facility during peak pick up and drop off times. Such restrictions could be based on the existing 15 minute parking restrictions that operate during school AM and PM peaks in the local area.

Gumnut House also requests that a 40 km/h speed limit be installed in Proto Avenue to improve pedestrian safety.

Recommendation:

1. THAT Council install timed parking in Proto Avenue immediately outside Gumnut House, restricting vehicles to 15 minute parking between the hours of 8am to 9.30am, and 2.30 pm and 4pm, Monday to Friday.

Moved: Mark Brown

Seconded: Bob Walker

ITEM 11 – TRAFFIC CONCERNS, ST JOSEPHS SCHOOL, PORTLAND

The P&F from St Joseph's School, Portland, has written to Council expressing concerns about traffic movements around the school.

Instruction received from the NSW Roads and Traffic Authority School Safety Officer, directs Council to refer all such correspondence to the RTA for investigation and determination.

Recommendation: THAT Council refer this matter to the NSW Roads and Traffic Authority School Safety Officer for investigation and determination, and that Council advise the St Joseph's School P&F that all future concerns relating to school children crossing roads immediately adjacent to the school should be referred to the RTA.

Moved: Cr Fisher

Seconded: George Schurr

GENERAL BUSINESS

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 3.25pm.

06- 294 RESOLVED

THAT the minutes of the Traffic Authority Local Committee be received.

MOVED: Councillor B S Moran

SECONDED: Councillor M J Wilson.

CARRIED

QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

QWN - COUNCILLOR B P MORRISSEY

1. Mr Mayor can we please get a report back on a possible fire escape at the Jackson flat residence? There are some concerns from the residents there.
2. Mr Mayor can we please have a report back on the possible Movie Cinema's in the Pottery Estate?

This will be reported to the October Council meetings.

QWN - COUNCILLOR M F TICEHURST

1. Mr Mayor has Council received a letter from the Capertee Environmental Group in regards to the proposed helicopter flights? Can a report come back on the progress of this issue?
2. Mr Mayor can we please get an update on the Emirates Resort?

QWN - COUNCILLOR A E THOMPSON

1. Mr Mayor can we please get an update on the feasibility / progress of the proposed indoor pool? Have there been studies done on this issue previously?
2. Mr Mayor can we get an update on the Hydrotherapy Pool at the Lithgow Hospital? Can we please find out why it is never working?

QWN - COUNCILLOR H K FISHER

1. Mr Mayor at the recent Pinedale Consultative Committee meeting, it was raised that the edges on the roadside at Blackman's Flat are in a bad state, is it possible for Council to investigate this issue and have something done?

The Mayor advised that this issue will be referred to the next TALC Meeting.

QWN - COUNCILLOR M J WILSON

1. Mr Mayor are you aware of a forum being held for the Newnes Plateau? Can we please find out what it is about?

QWN - COUNCILLOR B S MORAN

1. Mr Mayor are you aware that the department of Regional Development are saying that Lithgow Council is not doing enough to attract new businesses to this area? Can we investigate this and can we do more to attract businesses?

The meeting closed at 7.37pm.