



LITHGOW CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

FINANCE AND SERVICES COMMITTEE
MEETING OF COUNCIL

HELD ON

05 AUGUST 2008

**MINUTES OF THE LITHGOW CITY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE CIVIC CENTRE, LITHGOW ON 5TH AUGUST 2008**

Meeting Commenced 6.40pm

Public Gallery: 1

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

An apology was received and accepted from the Acting General Manager, Scott Greensill who is out of the City on personal business.

Also in attendance

Group Manager Regional Services, Mr Andrew Muir
Group Manager Community and Corporate Services, Ms Suzanne Lollback
Minutes Secretary, Miss Casey Clarke

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Confirmation of the Minutes of the Finance and Services Committee Meeting of Council held on the 1st July 2008 were taken as read and confirmed by Councillors M J Wilson and H K Fisher

F08-82 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 6.40pm members of public gallery were invited to address questions through the Mayor to Councillors and Staff: -

NIL questions were raised.

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GENERAL MANAGER REPORTS

ITEM:1 GM - 05/08/08 - RESIGNATION OF BLAYNEY SHIRE COUNCIL GENERAL MANAGER

REFERENCE

NIL

COMMENTARY

Councillor Scott Ferguson, Mayor Blayney Shire Council announced on 24th July 2008 that the General Manager, Andrew Roach had resigned to accept a position of General Manager at Port Macquarie Hasting Council.

The former General Manager has moved into an organisation of 500 plus employees and \$120M budget, which has showed that Blayney is great organisation for providing professional talent for the industry.

Andrew has built a strong robust team at Blayney Shire Council and they have achieved an awful lot under his guidance. Some of the great achievements under his stewardship include:

- \$200M pa business of CTLX
- Strong Financial Performance
- Significantly improved work safety. A record of 446 Days without Lost Time Injury.
- Adventure playground at Heritage Park.
- New Works Depot, 2004 saw an opening of the \$1.3M Depot facilities.
- Approval to build a new Community Centre.
- Strong industrial development with the new industrial / trade park due to be finalised in late 2008.
- WBC Strategic Alliance

Councillor Ferguson confirmed that the Council will discuss the recruitment process and what that entails for the new General Manager at its ExtraOrdinary Meeting already called for Monday 28th July 2008. The meeting will also appoint an Acting General Manager for the interim period.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

NIL

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

NIL

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

NIL

F08-83 RESOLVED

THAT the information be noted.

MOVED: Councillor B P Morrissey

SECONDED: Councillor M J Wilson.

CARRIED

ITEM:2 GM - 05/08/08 - COUNCILS ASSISTANCE REQUIRED TO MONITOR PLANNING LAWS

REFERENCE

NIL

COMMENTARY

Correspondence has been received from the Local Government Association of NSW in relation to establishing a monitoring system to evaluate the impacts of the new planning laws on councils and the communities and to provide Local Government input into the implementation of the laws.

Key to the monitoring program will be the establishment by the LGSA of a **Reference Group of Councils** to provide qualitative and quantitative information on the impacts (both positive and negative). In particular the LGSA will be looking at how the new laws impact on council's costs, the complexity of business processes, corruption risks, the environment and the community. The LGA also want council feedback on the draft regulations, codes and guidelines that are currently being developed and which will underpin many of the challenges to the planning laws.

It is proposed the Reference Group comprise a limited but representative number of council selected on the basis of:

- Location - rural, regional, inner metropolitan, outer metropolitan
- Population size
- Geographic spread across NSW

It is intended that a common reporting framework will be implemented across all councils to enable data and information to be collected. Where possible, existing reporting mechanisms will be used. The details of the reporting framework will be developed in conjunction with those councils selected to be part of the Reference Group.

When the laws were passed the LGA gave an undertaking to NSW communities that they would hold the Government accountable. Councils feedback on the new planning laws will be critical in assisting the LGSA to monitor the impacts and lobby for any necessary changes.

Expressions of Interest are being called by the LGA for the Reference Group of Councils. Council is requested to advise whether it wishes to express an interest in being a member of the Reference Group.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

NIL

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

NIL

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

NIL

RECOMMENDATION**THAT:**

1. The Council forward / not forward an Expression of Interest for membership of the Reference Group of Councils that will evaluate the impacts of the new planning laws.
2. Should the Council express interest and be accepted for membership, the Council will then nominate a representative.

F08-84 RESOLVED**THAT:**

1. The Council forward an Expression of Interest for membership of the Reference Group of Councils that will evaluate the impacts of the new planning laws.
2. The Council representative for the membership of the Reference Group of Councils be the Mayor, Councillor Neville Castle (in the interim until the local government election).

MOVED: Councillor W McAndrew**SECONDED:** Councillor M J Wilson.**CARRIED**

REGIONAL SERVICES REPORTS

**ITEM:3 REG - 05/08/08 - STATUS UPDATE 072/07DA, LITHGOW VALLEY
 PLAZA ADDITIONS & ALTERATIONS**

**REPORT FROM: GROUP MANAGER OF REGIONAL SERVICES – ANDREW
 MUIR**

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the status of the Development Application received for additions and alterations to the Lithgow Valley Plaza, Lithgow Street, Lithgow. The application is currently on hold and the 'clock' stopped.

COMMENTARY

In October 2007 Council received a Development Application from PGH Environmental Planning for additions and alterations to the Lithgow Valley Shopping Centre. The proposal included a new supermarket, two mini major stores (medium sized specialty stores), additional specialty shop floor space and second floor office space.

Council officers have undertaken extensive negotiations with the developers to try and create a development which meets all the requirements of the legislation and Council's Development Control Plan's. Such negotiations have also been in consultation with the Sydney Catchment Authority, the Mine Subsidence Board and the regional branch of the Roads and Traffic Authority.

The main issues precluding determination at this stage relate to the provision and location of car parking spaces and conflicts between loading docks and public access areas. However, of most concern is the potential for impact of 19 speciality shops on the Main Street shopping precinct. As part of Council's assessment under Section 79 (c) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 Council is required to assess the economic impact of the development. In this respect the applicant submitted an Economic Impact Assessment. Accordingly, Council engaged a professional to provide an independent assessment on the report provided by the applicant. This independent analysis disagreed with the applicants assessment of impact. These comments will be taken into consideration as part of Council's assessment and the applicant has also been advised and given the opportunity to comment and/or amend the application.

The applicant recently advised that their client is reviewing the design and has requested that Council defer determination of the application for the time being.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no local policy implications for this application. All relevant State Policies will be considered in Council's assessment of the development.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Legally the application clock is considered stopped, and will not recommence until all outstanding issues are addressed by the applicant.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the information be received.

F08-85 RESOLVED

THAT:

1. The information be received.
2. Council seek a meeting with the owner of the Lithgow Valley Shopping Complex to discuss the state of the centre.
3. Council call in Development Application 072/07, Lithgow Valley Plaza for further debate.

MOVED: Councillor H K Fisher

SECONDED: Councillor W McAndrew.

CARRIED

ITEM:4 REG - 05/08/2008 - UNDER AWNING SIGNS MAIN STREET LITHGOW

REPORT FROM: GROUP MANAGER REGIONAL SERVICES – ANDREW MUIR

SUMMARY

To advise that investigations are proceeding in response to a question from Council concerning the condition of signs within the Lithgow Main Street precinct.

COMMENTARY

Council would be aware that a program aimed at improving the appearance of Main Street shopfronts and awnings has been implemented through contact with local shop owners. As part of this process, signs attached to awnings and buildings are also being assessed to ensure that they are in a satisfactory condition and located so that they do not present a risk to users of the footpath.

This program is continuing and a number of repairs have been completed to awnings, signs and shopfronts in the Lithgow CBD. In response to requests by council for improvements to be carried out, a number of owners have sought additional time to carry out the necessary work. Most requests have been granted as the program is intended to encourage a co-operative approach with shop owners to improve the appearance of the Main Street precinct.

Council officers are taking a very co-operative approach given the cost in some circumstances to businesses. For Council's information the minimum clearance to the bottom of the sign is 2.7 metres.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

F08-86 RESOLVED

THAT the information be received and noted.

MOVED: Councillor W McAndrew

SECONDED: Councillor M J Wilson.

CARRIED

ITEM:5 REG - 05/8/08 DA 029-08 REFURBISHMENT OF THE OLD BRACEYS BUILDING

REPORT BY: ANDREW MUIR – GROUP MANAGER REGIONAL SERVICES

REFERENCE

QWN – 17/06/08 – Councillor BP Morrissey

SUMMARY

To advise Councillors of the status of the Bracey's Building with respect to a question without notice from Councillor BP Morrissey.

COMMENTARY

Council is in receipt of a development application from PRD Architects being DA 029-08 on behalf of Mr N Elali for the re-development of the old Bracey's building in Main Street, Lithgow.

The development proposes to refurbish, both internally and externally, the building to create a contemporary exterior look to provide a diversity of uses, including both office and commercial developments, (which would require further approvals for use).

The development proposes to segregate the three existing retail floors with the below components:

Basement Floor: this area is to be modified to create 15 car spaces and a loading area for normal commercial deliveries.

Ground Floor: this floor is proposed to be modified to provide a new entry, which will in turn provide for an arcade style retail precinct allowing for 6 specialty shops within a 4.5m wide arcade.

First Floor: this area is proposed to provide for office style uses.

The exterior of the building is proposed to be upgraded to provide for a modern, solar passive modern design, as well as introducing various materials and colours to the whole façade of the building to upgrade the existing visual appearance.

The existing exits are being upgraded and the provision of a new awning is proposed to be provided off the Main Street frontage to improve shopper amenity and building appearance.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

No policy implications are perceived as part of this report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

No financial implications are perceived as part of this report.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

As part of the application the provisions of Section 79C of the Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979 will need to be addressed and mitigated, should they arise.

F08-87 RESOLVED

THAT the information be noted.

MOVED: Councillor W McAndrew

SECONDED: Councillor H K Fisher.

CARRIED

ITEM:6 REG - 05/08/08 - DA 338-05 TABULAM COTTAGES UPDATE

REPORT BY: ANDREW MUIR – GROUP MANAGER REGIONAL SERVICES

SUMMARY

To inform council of the response received from the NSW Department of Commerce regarding council concerns in the finalisation of works at Tabulam Cottages being Development Application No.338/05.

COMMENTARY

Council wrote to the Minister for Health, The Hon Reba Meagher, through the Local Member, Gerard Martin MP, on 21 February 2008, requesting action on a number of Council concerns on finalisation of the development. These issues related to the shortfall in carparking, the extent of the kerb and guttering, and rehabilitation of areas that were disturbed during construction.

Council officers subsequently met with representatives from the Department of Commerce on site on 8 April 2008 and outlined in detail Council's concerns relating to the site. These issues were reiterated in a letter to the Department of Commerce on 9 April 2008.

Correspondence has now been received from the Department of Commerce indicating that as a result of those on-site discussions Sydney West Area Health Service (SWAHS) has advised that the footpath & kerb along Green Street will be extended to the 'edge of the development' and will be completed by the end of the month.

Further, the correspondence indicates that the landscaping between the boundary and the kerb will be 'made good' in conjunction with the civil works within the month.

Finally, it is advised that all other issues identified by Council will need to be addressed by the Area Health Service.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no policy implications as part of this report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications as part of this report.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no legal implications other than those outlined in the development consent conditions.

F08-88 RESOLVED

THAT the advice from the NSW Department of Commerce be received.

MOVED: Councillor B P Morrissey

SECONDED: Councillor B S Moran.

CARRIED

**ITEM:7 REG - 05/08/08 - LICENCE FOR RURAL FIRE SERVICE
TELECOMMUNICATION FACILITIES**

REPORT BY: STRATEGIC ENGINEER – LEANNE KEARNEY

SUMMARY

Details of Licence 408029 between Council and the Minister for Lands to enable the legal use of Crown Land for telecommunication facilities utilised by the Rural Fire Service.

COMMENTARY

The Department of Lands have recently undertaken a review of their licensing and rental agreements, and have developed a policy and framework to deliver a consistent Government approach covering tenure, licensing and rentals for telecommunication tower sites on Crown Land.

As such, the Department have identified that Council currently occupies a number of locations which are Crown Land utilised for telecommunications operations for the Rural Fire Service.

Council has negotiated a ‘head licence’ with the Department of Lands, which will allow numerous sites to be dealt with in one (1) agreement, with the individual sites identified and linked to the ‘head licence’ as an Appendix.

This Licence will give Council clear authorisation for the use of these sites, as well as providing certainty of tenure over these telecommunication assets.

Contract documentation for Licence 408092 between the Minister for Lands and Council has now been finalised, and requires the Common Seal of Lithgow City Council to be affixed, as well as signed by the Acting General Manager and Mayor.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Affixing of the Common Seal of Lithgow City Council requires a Council resolution.

F08-89 RESOLVED

THAT

1. The Common Seal of Council be affixed to Licence 408029 between Council and the Minister for Lands; and
2. The Acting General Manager and Mayor be authorised to sign all contract documents in relation to this licence.

MOVED: Councillor B P Morrissey

SECONDED: Councillor M J Wilson.

CARRIED

ITEM:8 REG - 05/08/08 - DEVELOPMENT AND CONSTRUCTION APPROVALS

REPORT FROM: GROUP MANAGER REGIONAL SERVICES –ANDREW MUIR

SUMMARY

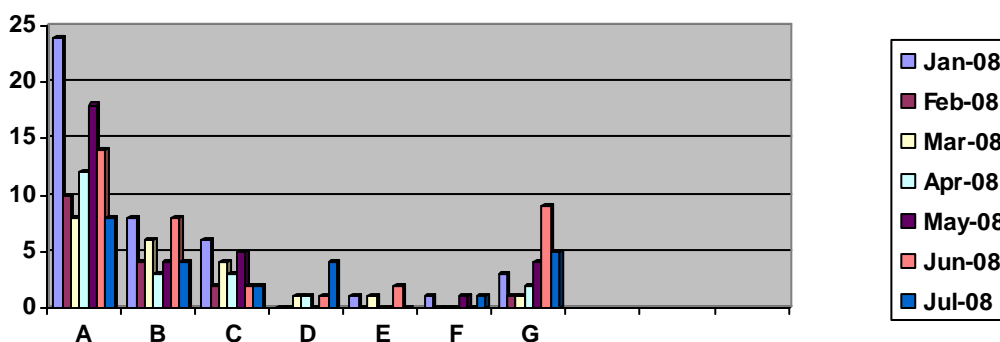
To provide statistical information on Development Applications and Construction Certificates processed.

COMMENTARY

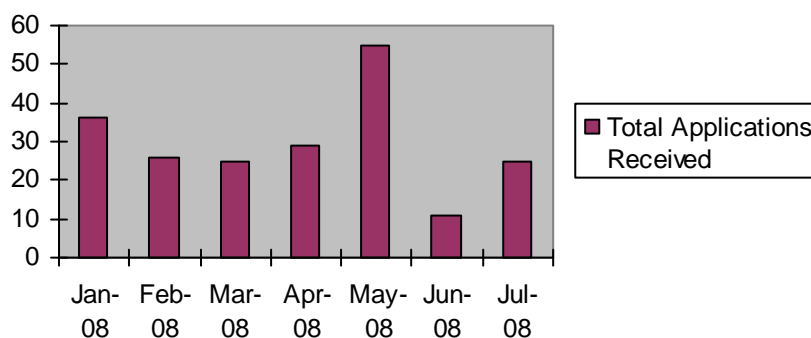
The following table indicates Development Applications and Construction Certificates approved in the period between Finance and Services Committee Meetings. A full list of individual applications received and approved is made available to Councillors and the press.

	Minor Development Approvals (including carports, garages and patios) A	Dwelling Approvals B	Dwelling Addition Approvals C	Other Residential Applications (including Dual Occupancies, Flats) D	Rural Subdivision Approvals E	Residential Subdivision Approvals F	Commercial / Industrial Approvals G	Total Application Received
June 2008	14	8	2	1	2	0	9	11
July 2008	8	4	2	4	0	1	5	28

* includes Approvals from 21/06/2008 TO 25/07/2008



APPROVALS



Total Estimated Cost:	\$5,906,592
Average Approval Time	18 DAYS
Total Cost of Approvals from 10/12/2007	\$1,872,503
No. of Applications from 10/12/2007 to 20/6/08	181

F08-90 RESOLVED

THAT the information be noted and Council call in development applications 134/08, 135/08 and 033/08 for further debate.

MOVED: Councillor M F Ticehurst

SECONDED: Councillor B S Moran.

CARRIED

ITEM:9 REG - 05/08/2008 - UPPER MACQUARIE COUNTY COUNCIL - JULY WEEDS REPORT

REPORT FROM: GROUP MANAGER REGIONAL SERVICES - ANDREW MUIR

SUMMARY

To advise of the most recent Upper Macquarie County Council Weeds Report.

COMMENTARY

Attached is the report from the Upper Macquarie County Council Chief Weeds Officer Report for July 2008.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

F08-91 RESOLVED

THAT the information be received.

MOVED: Councillor H K Fisher

SECONDED: Councillor M J Wilson.

CARRIED

COMMUNITY AND CORPORATE SERVICES REPORTS

ITEM:10 COMM - 05/08/08 - REVIEW OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE APPLICATION – LITHGOW SHOW SOCIETY

**REPORT BY: GROUP MANAGER – COMMUNITY AND CORPORATE – SUZANNE
LOLLBACK**

REFERENCE

Minute O0812 – Council Meeting 18 February 2008

Minute O08-72 – Extraordinary Meeting of Council 10 June 2008

SUMMARY

This report outlines a request from the Lithgow Show Society that their allocation of financial assistance for 2008/09 be reviewed. The report recommends that Council consider allocating a further \$3,000.

COMMENTARY

The Council acknowledges in its *Policy 4.4 Donations – Section 356 of the Local Government Act*, that the Lithgow Show *contributes to the retention and further development of social capital*, and as such will be provided funding on a recurrent basis through Council's Management Plan.

On the 10 June 2008 the Council adopted its Management Plan for 2008/09 – 2010/11 in which it identified its provision of donations to not-for-profit community groups. In the 2008/09 financial year the Lithgow Show Society requested a donation of \$10,000 and has been granted a donation of \$5000 plus \$2,000 in kind which is in recognition of work carried out by the council on the show grounds. In 2007/08 the Lithgow Show Society received \$8,000 from the council to support activities at the 2008 Lithgow Show. The Lithgow Show Society now requests that Council review its decision with regards the allocation of funds for the 2008/09 year and that it matches the 2007/08 allocation. \$7,000 would be for the Friday night entertainment and \$1,000 for the supreme Council Awards in the Pavilion and Cattle Awards.

It is recommended that the Lithgow Show Society donation be revised to match that of the 2007/08 financial year, an increase of \$3,000.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Donations are provided under Policy 4.4 Donations – Section 356 of the Local Government Act.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The Council provides Financial Assistance to not - for - profit community groups. The Council has set aside some \$23,000 for distribution throughout the year in the 2008/09 Management Plan. \$2,103 has been allocated to date leaving a total of \$20,897 for distribution.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

F08-92 RESOLVED

THAT the Council provides an additional \$3,000 to the Lithgow Show Society in the 2008/09 financial year and the funds be allocated from the budget for donations for the 2008/09 financial year.

MOVED: Councillor B S Moran

SECONDED: Councillor M J Wilson.

CARRIED

**ITEM:11 COMM - 05/08/08 - BLUE MOUNTAINS TOURISM LIMITED
REGIONAL TOURISM AWARDS**

**REPORT BY: GROUP MANAGER – COMMUNITY AND CORPORATE – SUZANNE
LOLLBACK**

REFERENCE

Nil

SUMMARY

This report outlines a request from the Blue Mountains Tourism Limited (BMTL) for sponsorship of the Regional Tourism Awards. It is recommended that the Council support the awards to the value of \$1,000.

COMMENTARY

The BMTL is hosting the Regional Tourism Awards, the first time it has done so for some years. The BMTL (as one of the partners in the BMTL) Council invites to be a sponsor of the awards.

To quote from the sponsorship information package:

Regional Tourism Awards

Blue Mountains Tourism Limited (BMTL) in conjunction with Blue Mountains Hotel School is pleased to present The Blue Mountains Tourism Limited Awards of Excellence 2008 (BMTL Awards of Excellence). The BMTL Awards of Excellence acknowledges those businesses and individuals that strive for excellence in tourism by demonstrating outstanding achievement and success throughout the year.

The Awards are a submission and inspection-based competition. The Awards ceremony provides the opportunity to publicly recognise and showcase the region's current finest tourism operators.

The BMTL Awards of Excellence aim to:

- encourage, celebrate, creativity, professionalism and innovation*
- provide a benchmark for best practice*
- promote business planning amongst tourism operators*
- publicly recognise and reward excellence through an annual celebration*
- reinforce the value of the tourism industry*
- provide an opportunity for successful entrants to progress to the NSW Tourism Awards.*

There are a number of sponsorship packages including \$5,000 (platinum), \$3,000 (silver), \$2,000 (gold) and a tailored packaged of \$1,000 for Lithgow. These packages are attached.

This report recommends that the Council sponsors the Regional Tourism Awards to the value of \$1,000. This package includes:

- Company name, corporate logo and level of sponsorship acknowledgement on audiovisual presentation.*
- Corporate logo and level of sponsorship on printed award collateral, where possible all lead up media releases, workshops, BMTL Hot News, e-mail updates to BMTL members and post event media publications.*
- Corporate logo and level of sponsorship acknowledgement on the official Awards website link.*
- Invitation to Awards Finalist's Cocktail Party.*
- 1 complimentary ticket to Gala Dinner plus preferential seating.*
- Company alignment to 1 tourism award.*
- Opportunity to nominate a company representative to present these awards.*
- Sponsors certificate recognizing level of sponsorship.*
- List of nominees.*

The Gala Night for the presentation of the Awards will be held on Sunday 17 August 2008 at the Carrington Hotel.

Should it be resolved to sponsor the Awards, Council may wish to nominate who will attend the dinner using the complimentary ticket and be part of the awards presentations.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The Council could provide sponsorship from consolidated revenue in the September quarterly review of the Management Plan.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council:

1. Provides a sponsorship donation of \$1,000 to the Blue Mountains Tourism Limited Tourism Awards of Excellence.
2. The value of the sponsorship donation be reflected in the consolidated revenue of the September Quarterly Review of the 2008/09 Management Plan.
3. Nominates Councillor ... to represent the Council at the Gala Dinner and Awards presentations.

F08-93 RESOLVED

THAT:

1. Council provides a sponsorship donation of \$1,000 to the Blue Mountains Tourism Limited Tourism Awards of Excellence.
2. The value of the sponsorship donation be reflected in the consolidated revenue of the September Quarterly Review of the 2008/09 Management Plan.
3. Councillor Neville Castle, Mayor be the representative for the Council at the Gala Dinner and Awards presentations.

MOVED: Councillor M M Collins

SECONDED: Councillor M J Wilson.

CARRIED

ITEM:12 COMM - 05/08/08 - UPPER MACQUARIE COUNTY COUNCIL

REFERENCE

Min P08-02 – Policy and Strategy Committee 4 February 2008
Min O08-72 – Extraordinary Meeting of Council 10 June 2008

SUMMARY

This report tables a letter from the Upper Macquarie County Council that advises the Council that funding for a clerical/accounts officer will not be required and requests that Council continues to support the funding of an additional weeds officer.

COMMENTARY

On the 10 June 2008 the Council adopted its Management Plan for 2008/09 – 20010/11. In doing so it granted to the Upper Macquarie County Council the sum of \$153,257, being its annual allocation along with a component for the appointment of an additional weeds officer and 0.5 full time equivalent clerical/accounts officer.

The County Council has now advised that:

Lithgow City Council is the only one of the Constituent Councils that has agreed to fund a proportion of the costs of employing a clerical/accounts officer. Since the County Council cannot fund the costs from its existing financial resources it has no alternative other than to decline the offer of funds for this purpose from Lithgow City Council.

All Constituent Councils other than Blayney Shire Council have agreed to fund the costs of the County Council employing an additional Weeds Officer.

The County Council is now enquiring *whether Lithgow City Council will fund its proportion (based on the agreed funding formula) of the cost of the County Council employing an additional Weeds Officer notwithstanding Blayney Shire Council's inability to fund its proportion.* The County Council advises that *it will meet the shortfall from its existing resources.*

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

NIL

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Should the Council support this proposal, the Council would be providing a grant to the County Council of \$141,550 instead of \$153,257, a saving of \$11,707 which could be returned to general revenue. The Council's contribution to an additional weeds officer would effectively be \$19,550.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

NIL

F08-94 RESOLVED

THAT:

1. Council notes that funding support for a clerical / accounts officer is no longer required.
2. Council supports the funding of an additional Weeds Officer
3. Council notes the saving of \$11,707 to consolidated revenue and the change be reflected in the September Quarterly Review of the 2008/09 Management Plan.

MOVED: Councillor H K Fisher

SECONDED: Councillor B S Moran.

CARRIED

ITEM:14 REG - 05/08/08 - UNION THEATRE MINUTES - 26 JUNE 2008 & 24 JULY 2008

REPORT BY: OPERATIONS MANAGER- STEPHEN DARLINGTON

SUMMARY

Details of the Minutes of the Union Theatre Committee Meetings held on 26 June 2008 and 24 July 2008 for Council adoption.

COMMENTARY

At the Union Theatre Committee Meeting held on 26 June 2008 and 24 July 2008, there were items discussed by the Committee, and it is considered that all these items be adopted by Council as per the Committee's recommendations.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

F08-96 RESOLVED

THAT Council adopt the recommendations of the Union Theatre Management Committee for the meetings held on 26 June, 2008 and 24 July, 2008.

MOVED: Councillor M J Wilson

SECONDED: Councillor B S Moran.

CARRIED

QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

QWN - 05/08/08 - COUNCILLOR H K FISHER

1. Mr Mayor are you aware of the state of the Rail Corp Office in Eskbank Street?
Can something be done to rectify this problem?

The Mayor deemed this as not urgent but will have Council Officers look at this building.

2. Mr Mayor can the graffiti on the Tafe building in Mort Street be removed?

The Mayor deemed this urgent and will place this as a works request.

3. Mr Mayor are you aware that there were issues concerning a former Councillor from another Council refusing to vacate the meeting of representatives at the last meeting of the Upper Macquarie County Council, which resulted in the meeting being adjourned?

The Mayor advised that he was not aware of this.

QWN - 05/08/08 - COUNCILLOR W MCANDREW

1. Mr Mayor can I please call in the development application for proposed units in Park avenue Portland for further debate?

The Mayor deemed this as urgent and advised that a report will be brought back to Council.

QWN - 05/08/08 - COUNCILLOR B S MORAN

1. Mr Mayor I refer to the positions of Economic Development Officer and Management Accountant which were recently advertised by Council and ask Council if the new General Manager will be included on the interview panel for these positions? Also can Council advise why these positions were advertised after the former General Manager had resigned?

Through the Mayor the Group Manager Community and Corporate Services advised that advice from the Acting General Manager on whether the new General Manager can be involved would be sought. The Group Manager also advised that advertising for the Economic Development Officer's position occurred to agree with provisions of the grant funding from the Department of State and Regional Development.

QWN - 05/08/08 - COUNCILLOR M J WILSON

1. Mr Mayor I refer to previous questions raised regarding a burnt out house in South Littleton and request once again for this house to be removed.

The Mayor deemed this as urgent and advised Council Officers will look into this issue this week.

The meeting closed at 7.44pm