



LITHGOW CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

FINANCE AND SERVICES COMMITTEE
MEETING OF COUNCIL

HELD ON

02 SEPTEMBER 2008

**MINUTES OF THE LITHGOW CITY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE CIVIC CENTRE, LITHGOW ON 2ND SEPTEMBER 2008**

Meeting Commenced 6.30pm

Public Gallery: 4

PRESENT

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

APOLOGIES

An apology was received and accepted from B P Morrissey who was out of the City on business.

MOVED: Councillor W McAndrew **SECONDED:** Councillor M M Collins.

An apology was received and accepted from M J Wilson who was ill.

MOVED: Councillor W McAndrew **SECONDED:** Councillor M M Collins.

**F08- 97 RESOLVED
CARRIED**

Also in attendance

Acting General Manager, Mr Scott Greensill
Group Manager Regional Services, Mr Andrew Muir
Group Manager Community and Corporate Services, Ms Suzanne Lollback
Minutes Secretary, Miss Casey Clarke
Executive Secretary, Miss Cortney Wood

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Confirmation of the Minutes of the Finance and Services Committee Meeting of Council held on the 5th August 2008 were taken as read and confirmed by Councillors H K Fisher and M M Collins

**F08-98 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 6.30pm members of public gallery were invited to address questions through the Mayor to Councillors and Staff: -

NIL questions were raised.

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MAYORAL MINUTE

ITEM:1 MAYORAL MINUTE - 02/09/08 - LITHGOW AND DISTRICT FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY INC

COMMENTARY

Following recent correspondence from the Lithgow and District Family History Society Inc and a meeting with one of their representatives, it has become apparent that this particular group has for many years contributed a very valuable service to the people of Lithgow and surrounding areas.

Even with the advent of the internet and the ability to search far wider via electronic means there is still an increased number of people that seek the information in the raw form from the historical sources available through such groups as the Lithgow and District Family History Society. The number of people who use this service in Lithgow continues to grow.

Over the last few weeks members of this Society in fact have released their own works which was a photographic tribute to Lithgow's History with some explanations attached to those photographs. The Lithgow Library has been a beneficiary of one of the copies of the book.

The Lithgow and District Family History Society operate out of a Council owned building on the corner of Tank and Donald Streets Lithgow. Having attended the launch of the book on these premises, it was evident that some minor repairs need to be made to the building. In fact the Society purchased paint from Council to do some painting but they lack the expertise to be able to supervise such works.

The Society also has plans for an extension to the building at some stage in the future.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

NIL

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

NIL

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

NIL

F08-99 RESOLVED

THAT:

1. Council donate \$479.00 to the Family History Society Inc which was the value of the paint paid for to Council.
2. Council arranges an Officer to investigate the minor works on the building and report back to Council on these repairs.
3. Council investigate a possibility of being able to do the painting as part of their normal building maintenance.
4. Council Officers create a list of costings for the possible extensions so possible grant monies or other forms of funding can be sought for the building.

MOVED: Councillor Neville Castle

SECONDED: Councillor W McAndrew.

CARRIED

**ITEM LATE ITEM - MAYORAL MINUTE – 02/09/08 – LITHGOW FLASH GIFT
 CARNIVAL AND SPORTSPERSONS' DINNER**

REFERENCE

Min O08-116 – 19/08/08 – Ordinary Meeting of Council

SUMMARY

This report provides information on the forthcoming Lithgow Flash Gift Carnival and Sportspersons' dinner and fundraiser and puts forward recommendations for the management of the events.

COMMENTARY

At the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 19 August 2008, the Council resolved the following:

1. *Council support next years Lithgow Flash Gift and investigate what role John Scott may have in the organisation of the event.*
2. *Council investigate the roles of all parties/groups involved with the Lithgow Flash gift and report back to Council.*

The inaugural Lithgow Flash Gift Carnival (Carnival) was held on the 28 February 2008. Overall the event was deemed as being successful with a commitment being made by the Council in its Management Plan to support it again in 2009. In addition to the Carnival a Sportspersons' dinner and a charity fundraiser were held on the evening before the Carnival. The Lithgow Flash Gift was named after Mrs Marjorie Jackson-Nelson, who grew up in Lithgow and went on to become one of Australia's most successful Olympians. The charity fundraiser event was in support of the Peter Nelson Leukaemia Foundation. Mr Nelson, an Olympic cyclist was Mrs Marjorie Jackson-Nelson's husband.

The purpose of this report is to recommend that the date for the Carnival be changed from the Saturday to the Sunday, and to outline the management arrangements for the Carnival and Sportspersons dinner and fundraiser as well as to seek councillor input on the working groups.

Date

It has been brought to the attention of the Council that the date of Saturday 28 February 2009 will clash with an athletics Grand Prix event in Sydney to be held on the same day. The NSW Athletics League (NSWAL) recommends that the Lithgow event be changed to Sunday 1 March 2008 and advises that some athletes who will be running on the Saturday in Sydney may be enticed to come to Lithgow on the Sunday, particularly with the prize money on offer. Interstate athletes, in particular, may wish to make a weekend of it by attending the Lithgow carnival.

Lithgow Flash Gift Carnival

A working group consisting of NSW Athletics League, Lithgow Little Athletics, PCYC and Blue Mountains Athletics (note there are no senior athletics in Lithgow so Lithgow representatives who are members of the Blue Mountains Athletics attend). In addition community representatives and sponsors sometimes attend meetings, especially Centennial Coal. It is recommended that Council nominates a councillor to this working group who will also liaise with the working group for the Sportspersons' dinner and fundraiser as outlined below.

The NSW Athletics League is responsible for organising the adult-related events in the afternoon including the Gift.

Little Athletics officials are responsible for organising junior events which are held in the morning.

A Business Plan with the proposed event program is attached. This Business Plan outlines the roles and responsibilities and the events scheduled for the day.

The staff of the Lithgow Visitor Information Centre is responsible for seeking sponsorship for the Carnival and assisting in the coordination and promotion of the event on the Council's behalf.

Sportspersons' Dinner and Fundraiser

About one year ago, at the request of NSW Athletics League, Mr John Scott (Events du Monde) was asked to assume a consultant's role with the NSWAL to try to gain some additional events for the League's calendar. This led to Mr Scott holding discussions with Lithgow City Council. These discussions subsequently resulted in the establishment of the Lithgow Flash Gift, the richest women's running race in Australia.

Last year Mr Scott was instrumental in organising a Sportspersons' dinner and charity fundraising event on the Friday evening prior to the main event held on the Saturday. He also organised a launch which Mrs Marjorie Jackson-Nelson attended. Both events were considered successful. He did not play a role in organising the athletics Carnival.

Funds were raised for the Peter Nelson Leukaemia Foundation. Mr Nelson, an Australian Olympic cyclist, was Mrs Jackson-Nelson's husband.

This year it is planned that the dinner and fundraiser be held at Club Lithgow. It is recommended that a working group be established consisting of Mr John Buckley, of Club Lithgow, and two elected members who will work with Mr John Scott to coordinate the Sportspersons' dinner and fundraiser. It is recommended that Mr Scott's role be with respect to the Sportspersons' dinner and fundraiser event only.

The role of the working group will primarily be:

- determine the activities to be held on the night
- oversee the coordination of all activities to be held on the night
- endorse all approaches to corporate organisations for sponsorship prior to that approach being made
- provide management of all financial activities, including the approval of all expenditure prior to its commitment
- issue invitations to prominent athletes who may be able to attend the event
- direct and oversee Mr John Scott's role
- ensure that those people coordinating the athletics carnival are fully informed of the activities of the Sportspersons' dinner and fundraiser and provide a link between the two activities.

Mr Scott's role will primarily be to:

- identify sponsorship opportunities for the Sportspersons' dinner and fundraiser that do not compete with those for the athletics Carnival
- prepare media releases concerning the Sportspersons' dinner and fundraiser which are to be approved by the Council's General Manager and Mayor
- Identify well-known athletes who may be able to attend the Sportspersons' dinner and fundraiser.

It is recommended that an allocation of funds up to \$2000 be set aside to cover the costs incurred by Mr John Scott, subject to those costs being approved by the working group.

Administrator of the Year

In the NSWAL Annual Awards, the Council's Tourism Manager, Ms Jodie Rayner, was awarded the NSWAL Administrator of the Year. At the National Conference of the Australian Athletic Confederation held in Melbourne, Ms Jodie Rayner was awarded the National Administrator of the Year.

The NSWAL speak very highly of the involvement of all staff at the Lithgow Visitor Centre with regards their role in coordinating this year's inaugural Carnival.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

NIL

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

It is anticipated that Council will absorb initial costs internally. As planning develops in relation to the event Council may be requested to consider additional funding requirements if required.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

NIL

ATTACHMENTS

1. The Lithgow Flash Gift Athletics Carnival 2009 Business Plan (as submitted by NSW Athletics League)

RECOMMENDATION

THAT:

1. The Lithgow Flash Gift Carnival be held on Sunday 1 March 2009 subject to clarification of athletic meeting dates.
2. Council nominates a council representative to the Lithgow Flash Gift Carnival Working Group.
3. Council establishes a working group consisting of two councillors and Mr John Buckley at Club Lithgow who will oversee the coordination of the Sportsman's Dinner and fundraiser.
4. Council acknowledges that Ms Jodie Rayner has received both the State and National Administrator of the Year Award from the NSW Athletics League and Australian Athletics Confederation by sending her a congratulatory letter.
5. The Mayor and General Manager be given delegated authority to make additional arrangements as required in the interests of progressing the event.

Signed: N. Castle
Neville Castle, Mayor

F08-100 RESOLVED

THAT:

1. The Lithgow Flash Gift Carnival be held on Sunday 1 March 2009 subject to clarification of athletic meeting dates.
2. Council nominates a council representative to the Lithgow Flash Gift Carnival Working Group.
3. Council establishes a working group consisting of two Councillors and Mr John Buckley at Club Lithgow who will oversee the coordination of the Sportsman Dinner and fundraiser.
4. Council acknowledges that ms Jodie Rayner has received both the State and National Administrator of the year Award from the NSW Athletics League and Australian Athletics Confederation by sending her a congratulatory letter.
5. The mayor and General Manager be given delegated authority to make additional arrangements as required in the interest of progressing the event.

MOVED: Councillor Neville Castle

SECONDED: Councillor H K Fisher.

CARRIED

GENERAL MANAGER REPORTS

ITEM:2 GM - 02/09/08 - PORTLAND RSL SPORTS RECREATIONAL CLUB LTD

COMMENTARY

Correspondence has been received from the President of the Portland RSL Sports Recreational Club Limited in relation to a development application for 9 Wolgan Street Portland.

The President of the RSL Club has requested for a site inspection to be held with Council staff, the Mayor and representatives of the RSL Club to discuss the following:

- Disabled entry
- Parking
- Water supply
- Electrical supply
- Gas supply

The delays in the approval of the development application, is restricting the efforts of the Portland RSL to finance the project set down for 9 Wolgan Street Portland.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

NIL

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

NIL

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

NIL

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council have a site inspection of 9 Wolgan Street, Portland with representatives from the Portland RSL Club.

F08-101 RESOLVED

THAT Council have a site inspection of 9 Wolgan Street, Portland with representatives from the Portland RSL Club, following completion of correspondence on outstanding issues from the Portland RSL Club.

MOVED: Councillor H K Fisher

SECONDED: Councillor B S Moran.

CARRIED

ITEM:3 GM - 02/09/08 - LITHGOW EARLY INTERVENTION PROGRAM

F08- 102 This item was **WITHDRAWN** due to a new Committee being formed and the issue having not being raised.

MOVED: Councillor H K Fisher

SECONDED: Councillor M M Collins.

CARRIED

ITEM:4 GM - 02/09/08 - ANDREW WILSON PHOTOGRAPHY

REFERENCE

NIL

COMMENTARY

Correspondence has been received from Andrew Wilson Photography in relation to the Wallerawang Railway Station and Adjoining Toilet Block.

As discussed with Council representatives, they are in the final planning stages of the Commercial and Arts based side of the project, and it appears that the existing toilet block will be superfluous to their needs.

As such Andrew Wilson Photography would like to offer to it Council as a way of providing a Disabled Public Toilet facility to Wallerawang.

They would anticipate giving Council a no charge sub lease of the Toilet Block on the proviso that Council took care of maintenance and cleaning. This block would then form a part of the public area they are planning for the western end of the upside platform, which would also encompass (and allow the expansion of) the existing War Memorial, have provision for markets and other public uses. Note that Delta Electricity has already agreed to assist with the fencing needs of this area to cover any Public Liability issues.

Given the direction of the earlier discussions, they see this project as fitting into an existing Council program, but being able to save the council considerable money in delivering additional facilities to the Town.

As such they are seeking Council to investigate this option, as they are nearing the point where decision on the staging of the rest of the project must be made.

The proposal may provide council with the solution in relation to the provision of public toilets at Wallerawang and as such a detailed investigation of the proposal should be undertaken so as to ascertain its merits.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

NIL

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

NIL

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

NIL

F08-103 RESOLVED

THAT Council supports the proposal in principle and an assessment of the matter be undertaken and reported back to Council for further consideration.

MOVED: Councillor B S Moran

SECONDED: Councillor W McAndrew.

CARRIED

REGIONAL SERVICES REPORTS

ITEM:5 REG - 02/09/08 - PORTLAND STATE EMERGENCY SERVICES HEADQUARTERS - REPLACEMENT OF ROOF

REPORT FROM: GROUP MANAGER REGIONAL SERVICES - ANDREW MUIR

REFERENCE

Nil.

SUMMARY

To advise of Correspondence received from Central West Region - State Emergency Services (SES) regarding the Portland SES Unit Headquarters Building.

COMMENTARY

Central West Region - State Emergency Services (SES) have advised that the volunteers from the Portland SES Unit wish to be considered for financial assistance from Lithgow City Council for the replacement of the roof on the Portland SES Headquarters building which is owned by Council. The total cost for replacement of the roof is \$6480.00. An inspection of the property has revealed that the works are urgent and consequently have been commissioned.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

\$6480 be allocated in the September review process.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

F08-104 RESOLVED

THAT the \$6480 be allocated in the September review to cover the necessary roof replacement works.

MOVED: Councillor B S Moran

SECONDED: Councillor M M Collins.

CARRIED

**ITEM:6 REG - 02/09/08 - RURAL FIRE SERVICE - LITHGOW DISTRICT
ESTIMATE FOR 2009/2010**

REPORT FROM: GROUP MANAGER REGIONAL SERVICES - ANDREW MUIR

REFERENCE

Nil

SUMMARY

To advise Council of correspondence received from the Rural Fire Service (RFS) regarding budget estimates for the 2009/2010 financial year.

COMMENTARY

Following discussion at the District Liaison Committee, the Rural Fire Service has provided its budget estimate for the 2009/2010 financial year. The estimate projects a probable contribution by Lithgow City Council of \$178,231.62 for 2009/2010. This is based on Councils required contribution of 13.3% and represents a 7% increase on 2008/2009.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Financial implications are the subject of this report.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

F08-105 RESOLVED

THAT Council note the probable contribution for its 2009/2010 budget planning.

MOVED: Councillor M M Collins

SECONDED: Councillor H K Fisher.

CARRIED

**ITEM:7 REG - 02/09/08 - BURNT OUT DWELLING 7 WEST STREET SOUTH
 LITTLETON**

REPORT FROM: GROUP MANAGER REGIONAL SERVICES - ANDREW MUIR

REFERENCE

Question without Notice Councillor M Wilson Finance and Services Committee 05/08/08.

SUMMARY

Advising of actions in relation to the burnt out house at 7 West Street, Lithgow.

COMMENTARY

The building was fire damaged in April 2008 and the owner has advised that it is uninsured. The premises were the subject of an order from Council under Section 124 (7) of the Local Government Act to carry out works to prevent direct public access to the building. This work has been completed by the owner.

The owner, at Council's request, has submitted reports from a structural engineer and a licensed builder and a detailed schedule of repair works necessary to bring the building back to a habitable standard. The owner has given a written undertaking that that all structural and external work will be completed within six months. It is considered that the request by the owner is acceptable as this work will eliminate the unsightly conditions that currently exist.

Should the owner fail to comply with this undertaking Council can issue an order to complete the works.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

The order under Section 124(7) has been complied with and a further order can be issued if the owner fails to complete the works.

F08-106 RESOLVED

THAT the condition of the building be kept under review and appropriate action be taken as necessary should the works not be completed by 31 March 2009.

MOVED: Councillor A E Thompson

SECONDED: Councillor B S Moran.

CARRIED

ITEM:8 **REG - 02/09/08 - BLACK SPOT FUNDING ALLOCATIONS, LITHGOW LGA**

REPORT FROM: **OPERATIONS MANAGER – STEPHEN DARLINGTON**

REFERENCE

Nil

SUMMARY

This report provides details of the announcement of Federal Black Spot Funding allocated to the Lithgow Local Government area.

COMMENTARY

The Hon Anthony Albanese, Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government has announced details of the \$14.1million NSW Black Spot program. The Black Spot program is a vital element in the Federal Government's plan to improve road safety. It targets roads that either have a history of crashes or a significant risk of crashes occurring.

Lithgow City Council, in partnership with the RTA, has successfully applied for and received funding for the following two projects in the Lithgow LGA.

1. Browns Gap Rd – Provide shoulder widening and new guardrail installation on sections between 1km and 9km south of Lithgow. The shoulder widening work will cover a distance of approximately 2400m. Total project allocation is \$500,000. This project will be managed by Lithgow Council.
2. Castlereagh Highway, Ben Bullen – Installation of centre median, shoulder widening and non skid surface at the Ben Bullen Railway Crossing. Total project allocation is \$410,000. This project will be managed by the RTA.

The \$500,000 allocated to Lithgow City Council for the Browns Gap Rd project is the fourth highest funded project of 77 projects in NSW and is indicative of the crash history on this road. Planning for this project has commenced and it is anticipated that it will be completed by the end of March 2009.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

F08-107 RESOLVED

THAT Council accept the Black Spot funding of \$500,000 for the shoulder widening project on Browns Gap Rd.

MOVED: Councillor W McAndrew

SECONDED: Councillor B S Moran.

CARRIED

ITEM:9 REG - 02/09/08 - DEVELOPMENT AND CONSTRUCTION APPROVALS

REPORT FROM: GROUP MANAGER REGIONAL SERVICES –ANDREW MUIR

SUMMARY

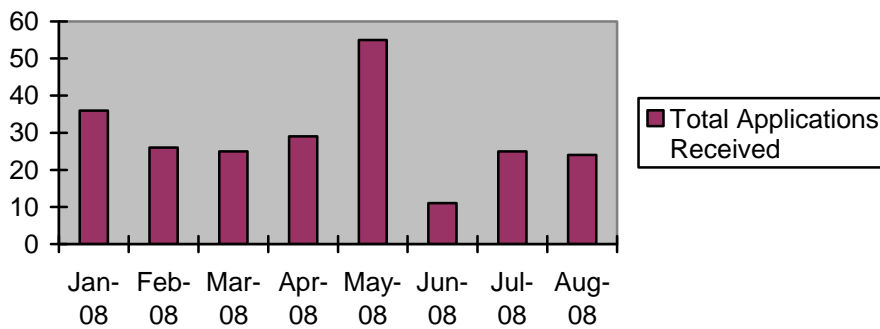
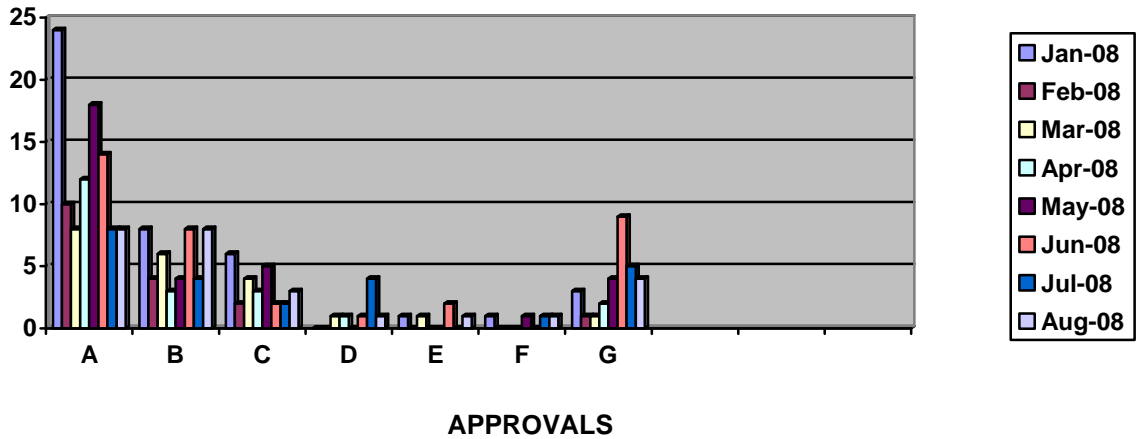
To provide statistical information on Development Applications and Construction Certificates processed.

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
August 2008	8	8	3	1	1	1	4	24

* includes Approvals from 26/07/2008 TO 25/08/2008



Total Estimated Cost:	\$9,383,554
Average Approval Time	21 DAYS
Total Cost of Approvals from 10/12/2007	\$5,349,465
No. of Applications from 10/12/2007 to 25/08/08	205

F08-108 RESOLVED

THAT the information be approved

MOVED: Councillor B S Moran

SECONDED: Councillor M M Collins.

CARRIED

COMMUNITY AND CORPORATE SERVICES REPORTS

ITEM:10 **COMM - 02/09/08 - LIQUID TRADE WASTE REQUEST FOR CHARGE ADJUSTMENT**

**Report From: TRADE WASTE & ONSITE WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT OFFICER
– C.HANRAHAN**

REFERENCE

Min 1505/2001: Ordinary Meeting of Council, 20 August 2001
Min 04-905: Ordinary Meeting of Council, 22 November 2004
Min 05-23: Ordinary Meeting of Council, 24 January 2005
Min 06-225: Finance and Services Committee, 7 August 2006
Min 06-362: Policy and Strategy Committee, 6 November 2006
Min 06-461: Ordinary Meeting of Council, 18 December 2006
A briefing for Councillors was held on Thursday, 13 March 2008
Min P08-34: Policy and Strategy Committee Meeting of Council, 7 April 2008
Min F08-90: Finance and Services Committee Meeting of Council, 1 July 2008

SUMMARY

This report outlines a request for the adjustment of disputed trade waste charges.

COMMENTARY

Introduction

Council introduced its liquid trade waste policy in 2004. With the employment of an officer with responsibility for trade waste and onsite wastewater management in 2007, it has been possible to review the program and suggest a number of actions for Council's consideration to improve the process and rectify some existing problems including some disputed charges such as the following.

Proposed Account Adjustments

Denis' Fishshop in Lithgow is a compliant business for trade waste purposes. Some charges to the business in 06/07 are currently being disputed. The dispute is over the date of compliance. Council initially contacted the business regarding trade waste requirements in a letter of notification on 19/05/05, with the letter outlining the works required. There were a number of letters regarding trade waste between Council and the business. There is no record for a trade waste application being received before 24/08/07. However, there is a letter from Council dated 30/08/06, which indicates there may have been an application regarding trade waste for the business. The letter makes reference to an inspection by Council officers, undertaken on the date of the letter, and discusses the proposed installation of a grease arrestor. From reviewing the available information it is recommended that in order to resolve the matter, that all charges prior to 30/08/06 remain as invoiced and adjustments be made to invoices after this date from the non-compliant rate to the compliant rate.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Similar adjustments have been made to other premises after a similar review process has been completed. Specific reference is made to Min 08-34 Policy and Strategy Committee Meeting of Council, 7 April 2008 and Min 08-90: Finance and Services Committee Meeting of Council, 1 July 2008.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

An adjustment to the charges for trade waste for the period of 06/07 from \$7.26/kL to \$1.20/kL, an adjustment of \$592.66.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

NIL

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council amend the 2006/07 trade waste usage charge for Denis' Fishshop from the non compliant charge of \$7.26 / kl to the compliant charge of \$1.20 / kl and create a credit note on the following invoices for a total of \$592.66:

- Invoice 155607: 01.07.06 to 16.10.06 \$110.89
- Invoice 156210: 16.10.06 to 24.01.07 \$187.25
- Invoice 156741: 24.01.07 to 30.01.07 \$145.44
- Invoice 157221: 30.04.07 to 13.08.07 \$149.08
- Total Credit: \$592.66

F08-109 RESOLVED

THAT:

1. Council amend the 2006/07 trade waste usage charge for Denis' Fishshop from the non compliant charge of \$7.26 / kl to the compliant charge of \$1.20 / kl and create a credit note on the following invoices for a total of \$592.66:
 - Invoice 155607: 01.07.06 to 16.10.06 \$110.89
 - Invoice 156210: 16.10.06 to 24.01.07 \$187.25
 - Invoice 156741: 24.01.07 to 30.01.07 \$145.44
 - Invoice 157221: 30.04.07 to 13.08.07 \$149.08
 - Total Credit: \$592.66
2. A report be brought back to Council on the costings to Businesses and Council on inspections taken and advise what was compliant?

MOVED: Councillor B S Moran

SECONDED: Councillor A E Thompson.

CARRIED

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

ITEM:11 REG - TRAFFIC AUTHORITY LOCAL COMMITTEE MINUTES - 7TH
 AUGUST 2008

REPORT FROM: DEVELOPMENT ENGINEER – PAUL CREELMAN

SUMMARY

Details of the Minutes of the Traffic Authority Local Committee Meeting held on 7 August 2008.

COMMENTARY

At the Traffic Authority Local Committee Meeting held on 7 August 2008, there were a number of 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

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Minutes of the Traffic Authority Local Committee Meeting be noted.

F08-110 RESOLVED

THAT:

1. Item 3 - Councillors to be advised by a memo of what areas are classed as "gateways" for the new 40km/h precinct.

MOVED: Councillor B S Moran

SECONDED: Councillor H K Fisher.

CARRIED

2. Item 4 - Council advise the RTA that they are opposed to "B - Doubles" being permitted on Wolgan Road, Lidsdale.

MOVED: Councillor H K Fisher

SECONDED: Councillor W McAndrew.

CARRIED

3. Item 9 - Council to report back on when the new round-a-bout will be placed at the Mines Rescue Centre.

MOVED: Councillor M F Ticehurst

SECONDED: Councillor H K Fisher.

CARRIED

4. Items 1, 2, 5, 6, 7 AND 8 be noted.

MOVED: Councillor H K Fisher

SECONDED: Councillor B S Moran.

CARRIED

ITEM:12 REG - 02/09/08 - SPORTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES - 25TH AUGUST 2008

REPORT BY: STRATEGIC ENGINEER – LEANNE KEARNEY

SUMMARY

Details of the Minutes of the Sports Advisory Committee Meeting held on Monday, 25 August 2008 for Council adoption.

COMMENTARY

At the Sports Advisory Committee Meeting held on Monday, 25 August 2008, there were ten (10) 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

F08-111 RESOLVED

THAT Council adopt the recommendations of the Sports Advisory Committee for the meeting held on Monday, 25 August 2008.

MOVED: Councillor H K Fisher

SECONDED: Councillor W McAndrew.

CARRIED

DELEGATES REPORTS

ITEM:13 DELEGATES REPORT - MINING RELATED COUNCILS MEETING

COMMENTARY

At the most recent Mining Related Councils Meeting in Parkes, the issue of royalties for mining was mentioned. A meeting had been arranged with Minister McDonald to discuss royalties and infrastructure. However at this stage it should be pointed out that royalties are only paid to the government not to local councils. Councils are trying to have this readdressed because of the impact of the infrastructure to mining activity.

A research project regarding the retention strategy of mining employees by focusing on the need of families was spoken about by Dr Julianne Allan. This is an interesting project that covers a wide range of social issues from hour of works, fly in and fly out options and the effect to the mine, family and the community of such options, as well as support networks. This particular project is not yet complete but we look forward to the finished project as it will then be made available to the association.

A report regarding coal dust from trains was also mentioned at the most recent meeting. The report in some ways states the obvious that the key factor that contributes from "the emission rate coal dust from wagons is the speed of the air passing over the coal service. This is influenced by the train speed and the air and wind speeds". There are a number of other factors that contribute to the coal dust problem and as such a number of possible means of reducing the coal dust from these wagons is now being looked at by the industry.

The Association has received an indication of possible Geosequestration storage sites in NSW. There are approx 6 different storage sites that have been identified at this point in time. The idea of CO₂ that the carbon dioxide is placed under ground and over time reacts with the minerals contained in the aquifer to form stable carbonates and permanently seal the carbon dioxide in the ground. Both the State and Federal Governments are keen to undertake extensive studies to find a solution to climate change and this climate change strategy may well be a good method in combating the burning of fossil fuels.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

NIL

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

NIL

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

NIL

F08-112 RESOLVED

THAT the information is noted.

MOVED: Councillor H K Fisher

SECONDED: Councillor M M Collins.

CARRIED

QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

QWN - 02/09/08 - COUNCILLOR M F TICEHURST

1. Mr Mayor are you aware that works on the toilets at the Croquet Club are still not completed and there is no disabled access? Can this be rectified as soon as possible?

The Mayor advised that he was unaware of this situation but will have Council Officers investigate the matter immediately.

2. Mr Mayor are you aware that a large number of wombats have been killed on McKanes Falls Road and Jenolan Caves Road. Can appropriate signage be placed as soon as possible to advise motorists?

The Mayor advised that he was unaware of this but it will be investigated and action taken as appropriate.

QWN - 02/09/08 - COUNCILLOR M M COLLINS

1. Mr Mayor has the RTA been contacted to discuss the issue of a possible redesign of the intersection at the Castlereagh Highway and Wolgan Road, Lidsdale?

The Mayor deemed this as urgent and advised the matter had been raised with the RTA.

2. Mr Mayor can I please have an update on the parking proposal for the front of the Wallerawang Butchers?

The Mayor advised that the matter is under investigation.

2. Mr Mayor I refer to the many car's that are parked along the Great western Highway, just up from McDonalds and ask is it possible for two hour parking can be placed from McDonalds to the 100km zone, to stop it from being a car sale yard?

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

QWN - 02/09/08 - COUNCILLOR W MCANDREW

1. Mr Mayor I refer to the works at Tunnel Hill and advise that at night it is extremely dangerous as you are unable to see where you are going? Can Council please contact the RTA and see if something can be done, such as lights placed there at night?

F08-113 RESOLVED

THAT the Council will contact the RTA and also the Transport Minister seeking their advice.

MOVED: *Councillor W McAndrew*
CARRIED

SECONDED: *Councillor Neville Castle.*

The Mayor, Councillor Neville Castle thanked all the Councillors that were not running for re-election. The effort of the four departing Councillors was greatly appreciated and also spoke of heartfelt thanks to the lady Councillors, who were all Deputy Mayor at some stage, for their efforts and commitment. The Mayor also spoke of his thanks to Councillor Morrissey for his efforts and commitment. The mayor wished all the Councillors running for re-election the very best.

The Mayor also thanked the Acting General Manager, Scott Greensill for his commitment and work during his time at Lithgow Council. He wished him all the best for the future.

Councillor H K Fisher thanked the four departing Councillors for the commitment they had given to Council and advised that it was a pleasurable time working with the lady Councillors.

Councillor W McAndrew also thanked the four departing Councillors and wished them all the very best for the future.

Councillor B S Moran thanked the Mayor for his kind words and thanked the Council Staff and Lithgow community for giving her this opportunity to be a Councillor. She wished the mayor and fellow councillors running for re-election all the very best.

Councillor M M Collins passed her thanks on to the Mayor and fellow Councillors.

Councillor A E Thompson thanked the Mayor and the fellow Councillors for their best wishes and also expressed thanks to Carol Farnsworth, Internal Services Manager and Former Finance manager of Council for the assistance she had given to Councillor Thompson during her term as Councillor.

The Acting General Manager, Scott Greensill thanked the Mayor for his kind words and passed his thanks to the staff for their help during his time at Lithgow Council. He enjoyed his time at Lithgow and wished everyone the very best for the future.

The meeting closed at 7.16pm.