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## **MINUTES**

EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

HELD ON

20 JUNE 2012

AT 6.00pm

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF LITHGOW COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD AT THE CIVIC CENTRE, LITHGOW ON 20 JUNE 2012**

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Meeting Commenced 6.00pm

Public: 25

**PRESENT**

His Worship the Mayor  
Councillor Neville Castle  
Councillor H K Fisher  
Councillor R Thompson  
Councillor W McAndrew  
Councillor J J McGinnes  
Councillor C Hunter  
Councillor M F Ticehurst

**APOLOGIES**

**12-205 RESOLVED**

An apology was received from and leave of absence granted to Councillor G Danaher who is out of the City on business.

**MOVED:** Councillor Fisher

**SECONDED:** Councillor McAndrew

**Also in attendance**

Mr Roger Bailey, General Manager  
Mr Andrew Muir, Group Manager Environment and Development  
Ms Ally Shelton, Acting Group Manager Community and Strategy  
Mrs Carol Farnsworth, Finance Manager  
Mr Chris Schumacher, Acting Manager Operations

**DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

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

NIL

**POINT OF ORDER – Unfinished Business**

Councillor R Thompson called a Point of Order indicating that there is unfinished business from the previous Council meeting to be dealt with, that is that Councillor Ticehurst had not withdrawn and apologised for his disparaging remark to the public gallery.

The Mayor asked Councillor Ticehurst if he will withdraw and apologise for his previous remark.

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Councillor Ticehurst provided a Statutory Declaration to the General Manager indicating that he withdraw the remark.

At the request of Council the General Manager read out the Statutory Declaration:

*I, Martin Francis TICEHURST, do solemnly and sincerely declare that:*

*I make reference to the confirmed and published Official Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Lithgow City Council held on the 5 March 2012, in which it is publicly minuted under Item 5, Page 11 that : 'The Mayor asked Councillor Ticehurst to withdraw the remark.'*

*In respect to this minuted statement by Mayor Neville Castle, I 'withdraw the remark'; a remark that was solely, personally and verbally directed towards adjoining tabled Lithgow City Councillor Joe McGinnes and which was made in reply to an immediately prior audible question by Councillor McGinnes in the Council Chambers.*

*I would ask that a copy of this Statutory Declaration be recorded and published in the Official Minutes of any Extraordinary Meeting or Ordinary Meeting of the Lithgow City Council at which it is tabled and further that a copy be provided by the General Manager to the Duty Officer for the Chifley Local Area Command and Office of the Commissioner of Police.*

## **12-206 RESOLVED**

**THAT** Council note the withdrawal of the remark by Councillor Ticehurst and that the Statutory Declaration be provided to all Councillors.

**MOVED:** Councillor H K Fisher

**RESOLVED:** Councillor W McAndrew

A **DIVISION** was called by Councillors Fisher and Ticehurst.

**Division (Unanimous) -**

**FOR**

Councillor N L Castle

Councillor H K Fisher

Councillor C Hunter

Councillor W McAndrew

Councillor J J McGinnes

Councillor M Ticehurst

Councillor R Thompson

## **QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Members of public gallery were invited to participate in the Public Forum Session.

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**1. PF – 20/06/12 – MR LEE MITCHELL**

Asked why does the Lithgow Ratepayers Association (through Coucillors Ticehurst and McGinnes) harp on about the Lithgow Golf Course. There are many other important matters and not as trivial to deal with.

*The Mayor thanked Mr Mitchell.*

**2. PF – 20/06/12 – MR CHERYLE CURTIS**

Indicated that she has slipped on the pavers and advised that the areas particularly near the ATM at the National Bank or the phone box where there is an angle the pavers are slippery.

*The May thanked Ms Curtis for her comments and indicated that Council has allocated \$50,000 in the budget for the next three years for maintenance.*

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**ITEM-1 NOTICE OF MOTION – CURRENT DANGEROUS CONDITION OF FOOTPATH PAVERS IN LITHGOW CBD – COUNCILLOR M TICEHURST AND COUNCILLOR J MCGINNES**

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**12-207 RESOLVED**

**THAT**

1. Councillors seek a late report to the Council meeting to be held on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2012 from the General Manager and his Senior Officers on the current status of the probable causes of the current dangerous and slippery conditions of the footpath pavers in the Lithgow CBD Shopping precinct and what immediate actions are available to the Council so that this potentially dangerous situation can be resolved;
2. Council allocate funds for the replacement of the footpaths in CBD of Lithgow; and
3. Investigate options to deal with the problem areas, particularly between James St and the Commercial Hotel where the pavers are exposed and the gradient of the footpath is steep. This is to include consideration of signage.

**MOVED:** Councillor Ticehurst

**SECONDED:** Councillor McGinnes

The General Manager requested that details of incidents be provided to him as soon as possible.

## **BUSINESS OF GREAT URGENCY**

*In accordance with Clause 241 of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2005 business may be transacted at a meeting of Council even though due notice of the business has not been given to the Councillors. However, this can happen only of:*

- a) *A motion is passed to have the business transacted at the meeting: and*
- b) *The business proposed to be brought forward is ruled by the Chairperson to be of great urgency.*

NIL

**There being no further business the meeting closed: 6:42 pm**