A CENTRE OF REGIONAL EXCELLENCE

MINUTES

ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

HELD ON

25 FEBRUARY 2013

AT 7.00pm
Meeting Commenced 7.00pm

Public: 48

PRESENT
Her Worship the Mayor
Councillor M Statham
Councillor R Thompson
Councillor R Higlett
Councillor C Hunter
Councillor F Inzitari
Councillor J J McGinnes
Councillor P Pilbeam
Councillor M F Ticehurst
Councillor W McAndrew

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

APOLOGIES
NIL

Also in attendance
Mr Roger Bailey, General Manager
Miss Rhiannan Pace, Minutes Secretary
Mr Andrew Muir, Group Manager Environment and Development
Ms Ally Shelton, Acting Group Manager Community and Strategy
Mr Iain Stewart, Group Manager Operations
Mrs Carol Farnsworth, Finance Manager

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES
13-43 RESOLVED
Confirmation of the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on the 4 February 2013 were taken as read and confirmed by Councillors W McAndrew and R Thompson

DECLARATION OF INTEREST
Her Worship the Mayor called for Declarations of Interest on any matter before the Meeting.

Councillor P Pilbeam declared a Pecuniary in item 12, due to his children attending the school and him being a financial contributor to the school through school fees. He will vacate the Chambers.

Councillor F Inzitari declared a Non - Pecuniary less than significant interest in item 12, due to his children attending the school and him being a financial contributor to the school through school fees. He will not vacate the Chambers.
QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

At 7.03pm Members of public gallery were invited to participate in the Public Forum Session.

PF – 25/02/2013 - MR JOHN FULLER

Mr Fuller questioned why he continues to receive letters from the Council with regards to illegal connections when the pipe that goes through his property is not owned by Council.

*The Group Manager Environment and Development advised that Council does own the pipes and is going through the legal process of lodging an easement over the property. Whilst Council is not obliged to under the Local Government Act we are going through this process of obtaining an easement over this infrastructure.*

Mr Fuller then made a statement in regards to the connections into the storm water pipe asking how he can have those illegal connections removed when he doesn't know the location.

*The Group Manager Environment told the Council that a plan had been provided by a plumber to detail the location of these illegal connections and two copies had been provided to Mr Fuller.*

*The Mayor thanked Mr Fuller.*

PF – 25/02/2013 - MR PAUL PHILLIPS

Mr Phillips asked when people make submissions to Council on upcoming policies why is it that personal information is wiped clear of the document?

*The Finance Manager advised that Council is required to remove any personal information unless advised otherwise.*

Mr Phillips then asked why then was his name not removed from the attachment for Item 20 on the agenda?

*The Finance Manager said she would take it on notice and investigate further.*
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ITEM-1 NOTICE OF MOTION - 25/02/13 - T CORP REPORT ON LITHGOW CITY COUNCILS FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY - COUNCILLOR M TICEHURST

MOTION

THAT further to Division of Local Government Circular 12 – 13 titled ‘T Corp Assessment of Financial Sustainability’, could the General Manager and Senior Council Officers provide the Council, Councillors, ratepayers and residents with an update at this Council Meeting on the recent assessment by the NSW State Government’s T Corp authority into the Lithgow City Council’s Financial Sustainability and provide a copy of the T Corp Report on Lithgow City Council to all Councillors as soon as possible.

MOVED: Councillor M F Ticehurst SECONDED: Councillor J J McGinnes

The Motion was PUT and LOST

A DIVISION was called by Councillors M F Ticehurst and J J McGinnes

Division -

FOR
Councillor M F Ticehurst
Councillor J J McGinnes

AGAINST
Councillor R Higlett
Councillor C Hunter
Councillor F Inzitari
Councillor W McAndrew
Councillor P Pilbeam
Councillor M Statham
Councillor R Thompson

ITEM-2 NOTICE OF MOTION - 25/02/13 - OPERATION OF POULTRY FARM AT WALLERAWANG - COUNCILLOR M TICEHURST

13-44 RESOLVED

THAT the General Manager and Senior Council Officers provide the Council, Councillors, ratepayers and residents with a report at this Council Meeting on whether the Council has received any verbal or written complaints from local residents concerning the foul 'smell' emanating from the daily operation of the Poultry Farm off Pipers Flat Road at Wallerawang.

MOVED: Councillor M F Ticehurst SECONDED: Councillor W McAndrew
ITEM-3 NOTICE OF MOTION - 25/02/13 - COUNCIL LETTERS ON REVISED FOOTPATH TRADING POLICY - COUNCILLOR J MCGINNES

13-45 RESOLVED

THAT Council as a matter of urgency, draft a new letter of correction to the previous Lithgow City Councils Environment and Development Branch letter dated the 16 January 2013 and addressed To the Proprietor; and resend it back out to all of those Businesses in the Lithgow LGA who received the original letter.

MOVED: Councillor J J McGinnes       SECONDED: Councillor M F Ticehurst

ITEM-4 NOTICE OF MOTION - 25/02/13 - PLAN OF MANAGEMENT FOR BLACKFELLOWS HANDS RESERVE - COUNCILLOR M TICEBURST

MOTION

THAT the General Manager and Senior Council Officers provide the Council, Councillors, ratepayers and residents with a report at the next Council Meeting on the current status and proposed implementation of the Draft Plan of Management for Blackfellows Hands Cave Reserve?

MOVED: Councillor M F Ticehurst       SECONDED: Councillor R Thompson.

AMENDMENT

THAT all Stakeholders participate in a Council Information Session to discuss the Draft Management Plan.

MOVED: Councillor P Pilbeam           SECONDED: Councillor R Thompson.

The amendment was PUT and became the MOTION

13-46 RESOLVED

THAT all Stakeholders participate in a Council Information Session to discuss the Draft Management Plan.

MOVED: Councillor P Pilbeam           SECONDED: Councillor R Thompson.
MOTION

THAT:
1. The Lithgow Section 94A Development Contributions Plan June 2012, Schedule 2 Summary of Section 94A Levy Rates be amended to read:
   - All development types other than residential valued at $100,000 or less 0.0%
   - All development types other than residential valued at $100,001 up to $200,000 0.5%
   - All development types other than residential valued in excess of $200,000 1%

2. Each value calculation shall be indexed each year to reflect movement in the annual CPI figure.

3. Further that the plan at Page 2 Part B be re-worded to delete the word Residential.

MOVED: Councillor W McAndrew
SECONDED: Councillor M F Ticehurst

The Motion was PUT and LOST

A DIVISION was called by Councillors W McAndrew and M F Ticehurst

Division -

FOR
Councillor W McAndrew

AGAINST
Councillor R Higlett
Councillor C Hunter
Councillor F Inzitari
Councillor J J McGinnes
Councillor P Pilbeam
Councillor M Statham
Councillor M Ticehurst
Councillor R Thompson
ITEM-6  NOTICE OF MOTION - 25/02/13 - REQUEST FOR MINOR WORKS BY VALE LADIES LITHGOW - COUNCILLOR J MCGINNES

13-47 RESOLVED

THAT Council officers inspect the path and if need be replace the path under the Councils current Works Program.


ITEM-7  NOTICE OF MOTION - 25/02/13 - CAR PARKING ISSUES IN THE LITHGOW CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT - COUNCILLOR M TICEHURST

13-48 RESOLVED

THAT the General Manager and Senior Council Officers provide the Council, Councillors, ratepayers and residents with a report at this Council Meeting on what are the current actions of the Council towards patrols and policing of cars parking in the Lithgow Central Business District.

MOVED: Councillor M F Ticehurst    SECONDED: Councillor W McAndrew

ITEM-8  GM - 25/02/13 - QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE REPORT ON 2012/13 OPERATIONS PLAN FOR THE PERIOD 1 OCTOBER TO 31 DECEMBER 2012

13-49 RESOLVED

THAT
1. The surplus of $174,258 for the 2012-2013 Operations Plan as detailed in the Quarterly Performance Report for the period 1 October to 31 December 2012 be noted;
2. Council authorise the variations to the Council budget as outlined in the report; and
3. The Council notes that the Finance Manager, as the Responsible Accounting Officer has reviewed the statements and certifies as required by the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005, (s203) that Council's 2012-2013 Operations Plan has been reviewed and the financial position of Council is satisfactory.

MOVED: Councillor P Pilbeam  SECONDED: Councillor R Thompson.

ITEM-9 GM - 25/02/13 - DRAFT MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT

13-50 RESOLVED

THAT Council:
1. Adopts the new Model Code and Procedures; and
2. Calls for expressions of interest, either individually and/or with other councils or Centroc, for conduct reviewers.

MOVED: Councillor R Thompson  SECONDED: Councillor W McAndrew

ITEM-10 GM - 25/02/13 - LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVIEW

13-51 RESOLVED

THAT Council:
1. Note the report on Local Government Review;
2. Inform the community of the Review and the process;
3. Councillors workshop the issue; and
4. Authorise the Mayor to complete the survey and make a submission on behalf of Council.

MOVED: Councillor W McAndrew  SECONDED: Councillor R Thompson.
ITEM-11  ENVIRO - 25/02/13 - STABLE DEMOLITION UNION THEATRE BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS

13-52 RESOLVED

THAT Council issue an order to demolish the stables building located on Lot 2 DP 1077295 Bridge Street Lithgow pursuant to the provisions of Section 121B2(c) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 done in compliance with the three Stages included in the report by Integrated Design Associates including;

Stage 1 - Clear debris and weed growth around building
Stage 2 - Dismantle skillion roofed timber and metal framed sections
Stage 3 - Dismantling of the main barn structure to ground level

MOVED: Councillor W McAndrew  SECONDED: Councillor C Hunter

ITEM-12  ENVIRO - 25/02/13 - REQUEST FOR SECTION 94A EXEMPTION - LA SALLE ACADEMY DA 161/12

Councillor P Pilbeam and Councillor F Inzitari vacated the chambers at 8.10pm.

13-53 RESOLVED

THAT an exemption from payment of the Section 94A development contribution of $16,335.80 be granted to the Catholic Education Office for Development Consent 161/12 pursuant to Part C7(k) of the said plan, and that Condition No.9 be removed from the subject consent.

MOVED: Councillor W McAndrew  SECONDED: Councillor R Thompson.

Councillor P Pilbeam and Councillor F Inzitari returned to the chambers at 8.12pm.
ITEM-13 ENVIRO - 25/02/13 - DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION REPORT - 100/11DACC - PROPOSED ADDITION & ALTERATIONS TO EXISTING FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY HALL

13-54 RESOLVED

THAT:
1. Combined Development/Construction Certificate Application No. 100/11DACC be approved subject to the attached conditions.
2. A DIVISION be called in accordance with the requirements of Section 375A(3) of the Local Government Act, 1993.

MOVED: Councillor R Thompson           SECONDED: Councillor W McAndrew

A DIVISION was called

Division (Unanimous)-

FOR
Councillor C Hunter
Councillor R Higlett
Councillor F Inzitari
Councillor W McAndrew
Councillor J J McGinnes
Councillor P Pilbeam
Councillor M Statham
Councillor R Thompson
Councillor M F Ticehurst

ITEM-14 OPER - 25/02/13 - WATER REPORT - FEBRUARY 2013

13-55 RESOLVED

THAT Council note the water report.

MOVED: Councillor R Thompson           SECONDED: Councillor F Inzitari
ITEM-15  OPER - 25/02/13 - TEMPORARY TAXI ZONE

13-56 RESOLVED

THAT Council:
1. Approve the establishment of a temporary taxi zone between the hours of 6.00pm and 6.00am each Friday and Saturday nights in the bus zone on the southern side of Main Street adjacent to the Courthouse Hotel.
2. Install appropriate signage.
3. Inform the community by way of public notice.

MOVED: Councillor P Pilbeam      SECONDED: Councillor R Higlett

ITEM-16  OPER - 25/02/13 - TENDERS FOR THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF HASSANS WALLS BOARDWALK

13-57 RESOLVED

THAT Council accept Steelworks Engineering's tender of $164,159.96 including GST for the design and construction of an 80m Boardwalk and 25sqm viewing platform at Hassans Walls Reserve, Lithgow.

MOVED: Councillor F Inzitari      SECONDED: Councillor C Hunter

ITEM-17  COMM - 25/02/13 - LITHGOW SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB

13-58 RESOLVED

THAT:
1. Council note that the Lithgow Senior Citizens group will shortly be relocating from the Masonic Hall to Club Lithgow.
2. Council liaise with Mrs Nora Bird from the Senior Citizens Indoor Bowling group with a view to have the mats and bowls currently being held at the Indoor Lithgow PCYC delivered to the Club Lithgow for the use of the Senior Citizens Bowling group.

MOVED: Councillor J J McGinnes      SECONDED: Councillor M F Ticehurst
ITEM 18  COMM - 25/02/13 - LITHGOW MENS SHED

MOVED
THAT Council publicly advertise the proposed use of the former pool entry and dressing sheds for the purpose of a Men's shed and ask for submissions from the public before committing to the proposal.

MOVED: Councillor J J McGinnes    SECONDED: Councillor M F Ticehurst

AMENDMENT
THAT Council:
1. Supports the proposal from the Lithgow Men’s Shed Group to use and undertake renovations to the old aquatic centre amenities block.
2. Enters negotiations with the Lithgow Men’s Shed to develop a plan for the renovation, including leasing, works to be undertaken, funding responsibility and recommended timeframes.
3. Allocates $50,000 from the remaining Special Rate Infrastructure Levy funds to the project. A priority of the funding shall be the making good of the site for cohabitation with the pool.

MOVED: Councillor R Thompson    SECONDED: Councillor W McAndrew

The Amendment was PUT and became the MOTION

13-59 RESOLVED
THAT Council:
1. Supports the proposal from the Lithgow Men’s Shed Group to use and undertake renovations to the old aquatic centre amenities block.
2. Enters negotiations with the Lithgow Men’s Shed to develop a plan for the renovation, including leasing, works to be undertaken, funding responsibility and recommended timeframes.
3. Allocates $50,000 from the remaining Special Rate Infrastructure Levy funds to the project. A priority of the funding shall be the making good of the site for cohabitation with the pool.

MOVED: Councillor R Thompson    SECONDED: Councillor W McAndrew

A DIVISION was called by Councillors M F Ticehurst and J J McGinnes

Division -
FOR
Councillor R Higlett
Councillor C Hunter
Councillor F Inzitari
Councillor W McAndrew
Councillor P Pilbeam
Councillor M Statham
Councillor R Thompson

AGAINST
Councillor M F Ticehurst
Councillor J J McGinnes

MATTER ARISING
13-60 RESOLVED
THAT Council call for Expressions of Interest for the management of South Littleton Hall with the consideration of it being managed by a Section 355 Committee.

MOVED: Councillor P Pilbeam SECONDED: Councillor W McAndrew

ITEM-19 COMM - 25/02/13 - RECOGNITION OF SIR JOSEPH COOK AND MARJORIE JACKSON

13-61 RESOLVED
THAT Council:
1. Exhibits for 28 days, a proposal to re-name the walking track from Eskbank Street to Bracey Lookout, known as Eskbank Track, to Sir Joseph Cook Track.
2. Exhibits for 28 days, a proposal to rename Cook Street Plaza after Marjorie Jackson, and the plaza to be renamed Lithgow Flash Plaza.

MOVED: Councillor M F Ticehurst SECONDED: Councillor J J McGinnes
ITEM-20  COMM - 25/02/13 - ESTABLISHMENT OF ALCOHOL FREE ZONES IN THE LITHGOW PORTLAND AND WALLERAWANG CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICTS

13-62 RESOLVED

THAT Council:
1. Establishes Alcohol Free Zones in the Lithgow, Portland and Wallerawang CBD’s for a further 4 years in accordance with Section 644 of the Local Government Act 1993 in the following areas:

Lithgow
- Main Street (from Bridge Street to Laurence Street)
- Main Street Lane and Burns Lane (between Bridge Street and Bank Lane)
- Tank Street (from Bridge Street to Read Avenue)
- Bridge Street (from Tank Street to Main Street Lane)
- Railway Parade (from Tank Street to Sandford Avenue and including Gray and Station Streets.)
- Eskbank Street (from Mort Street to Railway Parade)
- Cook Street Plaza
- Bank Lane
- Tatts Lane
- Collins Laneway
- Exchange Walkway
- Bank Street between Main Street and Gray Street.
- Mort Street between Bridge and Lithgow Streets,
- Bridge Street between Mort Street and Main Street Lane,
- Cook Street between Mort Street and Main Street Lane,
- Eskbank carpark,
- Burns Lane carpark,
- Bank Lane between Mort Street and Main Street Lane,
- Naomi Street between Mort Street and Main Street.
- Lithgow Street between Mort Street and Main Street.
- Queen Elizabeth Park Lane
- Gray Street from Main Street to Sandford Avenue

Portland
- Williwa Street from Lett Street to Saville Street.
- Lett Street from Vale Street to Williwa Street
- Scheidel Lane
- Cox Street from Villiers Street to Vale Street.
- Vale Street from Lett Street to Wolgan Street
- Wolgan Street from Villiers Street to Williwa Street.
- Villiers Street from Lett Street to Wolgan Street
- Wallerawang Road from Cullen Street to Wolgan Street
- Cullen Street from Wallerawang Road to Williwa Street
Wallerawang

1. Main Street between Pipers Flat Road (Black Bridge) and the Royal Hotel including Daintree Lane, Blackberry Lane and Doggett Lane.

2. Advises the Police and all affected liquor licensees of the establishment of the Alcohol Free Zones in these areas.

3. Advises the general community of the establishment of the Alcohol Free Zones in these areas by way of publishing a notice to that effect.

4. Installs appropriate signage.

MOVED: Councillor F Inzitari SECONDED: Councillor C Hunter

ITEM-21  FINAN - 25/02/13 - DRAFT POLICY 9.2 RECORDS MANAGEMENT VERSION 4 FOR ADOPTION

13-63 RESOLVED

THAT Council defer the item to seek clarification on the issue raised that Council staff not open and/or record any personal or Councillor addressed Mail, without the expressed written permission of that Councillor to do so.

MOVED: Councillor W McAndrew SECONDED: Councillor P Pilbeam

ITEM-22  FINAN - 25/02/13 - FINAL COST OF SEPTEMBER 2012 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTION

13-64 RESOLVED

THAT:

1. The information from the NSW Electoral Commission relating to the 2012 Local Government Election on 8 September 2012 be noted.

2. Council acknowledge that the final cost of the 2012 September election as $100,663 (GST exc) to be funded from reserve.

MOVED: Councillor R Thompson SECONDED: Councillor P Pilbeam
ITEM-23  FINAN - 25/02/13 - NO SUBMISSIONS TO THE 2011/12 GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL REPORTS FOLLOWING THE AUDIT PRESENTATION

13-65 RESOLVED

THAT Council note no submissions were received in relation to the 2011/12 General Purpose Financial Reports, Special Purpose Financial Reports and Special Schedules following the audit presentation and advertising to 4.30pm 12 February 2013.

MOVED: Councillor R Thompson  SECONDED: Councillor F Inzitari

ITEM-24  FINAN - 25/02/13 - COUNCIL INVESTMENTS HELD TO 31 JANUARY 2013

13-66 RESOLVED

THAT Investments of $18,505,902.26 for the period ending 31 January 2013 be noted.

MOVED: Councillor P Pilbeam  SECONDED: Councillor F Inzitari

ITEM-25  COMM - 25/02/13 - 4 FEBRUARY 2013 - CRIME PREVENTION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

13-67 RESOLVED

THAT Council notes the minutes of the Crime Prevention Committee meeting of 4 February 2013.

MOVED: Councillor W McAndrew  SECONDED: Councillor F Inzitari
ITEM-26  COMM - 25/02/13 - 6 FEBRUARY 2013 - COMMEMORATION OF THE BLUE MOUNTAINS CROSSING BICENTENARY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

13-68 RESOLVED

THAT Council:
1. Note the minutes of the Blue Mountains Crossing Committee meeting held 6 February 2013.
2. Invite Anne Collins of Tree View Estate to join the Committee.
3. Invite the Lithgow Mercury to attend Committee Meetings.
4. Support in principle providing a Commemorative medallion for all primary school students in the Lithgow LGA and additional medallions for sale during the celebrations.

MOVED: Councillor M F Ticehurst  SECONDED: Councillor J J McGinnes

ITEM-27  COMM - 25/02/13 - 29 JANUARY 2013 - YOUTH COUNCIL MINUTES

13-69 RESOLVED

THAT Council note the minutes of the Youth Council meeting held 29 January 2013.

MOVED: Councillor F Inzitari  SECONDED: Councillor W McAndrew

ITEM-28  COMM - 25/02/13 - 6 FEBRUARY 2013 - LITHGOW FLASH GIFT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

13-70 RESOLVED

THAT Council notes the minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 6 February 2013.

MOVED: Councillor R Thompson  SECONDED: Councillor W McAndrew
13-71 RESOLVED

THAT Council:
1. Notes the committee is to draw up a formal binding agreement between Lithgow City Council and the NSW Athletics League with terms and conditions to be accepted by both parties for any future Lithgow Flash Carnivals beyond 2013.
2. Notes the committee agreed not to pay for coaches for the coaching clinics as it was decided not acceptable for coaches or athletes who are already attending the carnival.
3. Notes the committee were concerned that there are three other athletic carnivals being held on the same day as the Lithgow Flash Carnival and this may impact registration numbers high level athletes registering for carnival.

MOVED: Councillor R Thompson SECONDED: Councillor W McAndrew

13-72 RESOLVED

THAT Council:
1. Notes the minutes of the Operations Committee held on 6 February 2013.
2. Accept the expression of interest submitted by Peter Philips and Simon Townsend for the lease of caretaker's at Lake Lyell, subject to the execution of appropriate Contract documents.
3. Authorise the seal to be affixed to the relevant documentation.

MOVED: Councillor P Pilbeam SECONDED: Councillor C Hunter

13-73 RESOLVED

THAT Council note the minutes of the Sports Advisory Committee meeting held on Tuesday, 5 February 2013.

MOVED: Councillor R Thompson SECONDED: Councillor W McAndrew
ITEM-32 OPER - 25/02/13 - 29 JANUARY 2013 - SPORTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

13-74 RESOLVED

THAT Council note the minutes of the Sports Advisory Committee meeting held on Tuesday 29 January 2013.

MOVED: Councillor F Inzitari  SECONDED: Councillor R Thompson.
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 if:

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.

UB - 25/02/13 - COUNCILLOR M TICEHURST

Councillor Ticehurst raised the issue of wet weather impacting on the Lithgow Village Markets and requested Council provide access to the Civic Ballroom and available nearby sheds as an alternative location in the event of bad weather.

13-75 RESOLVED

THAT the matter of the Lithgow Village Markets be declared as business of great urgency.

MOVED: Councillor M Ticehurst  SECONDED: Councillor W McAndrew

The Mayor declared the matter to be business of great urgency in accordance with clause 241 of the Local Government (General) Regulations.

13-76 RESOLVED

THAT subject to any other bookings, the Council provides the Lithgow Village Markets with urgent access to the full use of the Civic Ballroom and available nearby Sheds, when their booked Sunday Markets being held in the Queen Elizabeth Park may have to be cancelled at late notice due to either poor inclement weather or the adverse ground condition of the park.

MOVED: Councillor M Ticehurst  SECONDED: Councillor W McAndrew

There being not further business the meeting closed at 9.32pm.