



LITHGOW CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA

ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

TO BE HELD AT

THE ADMINISTRATION CENTRE, LITHGOW

ON

15 MAY 2006

AT 7.00pm

AGENDA

PRESENT

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC GALLERY

PRESENTATIONS

**CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF
COUNCIL HELD ON 18 APRIL 2006**

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

NOTICES OF MOTION - NIL

NOTICES OF RESCISSION - NIL

CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS

General Manager Reports
Corporate Services Report
Environment And Planning Services Reports

REPORTS FROM DELEGATES

Mayoral Minute - Pact Meeting held on 27 April 2006

COMMITTEE MEETINGS - NIL

QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

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GENERAL MANAGER REPORTS

**ITEM:1 EXEC - 15/05/06 - LITHGOW CORRECTIONAL CENTRE COMMUNITY
CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 12 APRIL 2006**

REFERENCE

NIL

SUMMARY

This report is to advise Council of the Lithgow Correctional centre Community Consultative Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 12 April 2006.

COMMENTARY

The Lithgow Correctional Centre Community Consultative Committee Meeting was held on Wednesday 12 April 2006.

Present at the meeting were Mr Paul J Anderson, General Manager, Councillor Neville Castle, Mayor and Councillor M J Wilson.

The Centre's General Manager, Mr Breckonridge welcomed the new members Mr John Mayfield, District Emergency Management Officer NSW Police and Mr Graham Wright, Dept of Housing Southern and Western Division to the Committee.

Such issues that were raised were:

- New video conferencing studios to be installed
- Training exercises
- Health and Fitness trial project

The next meeting of the Community Consultative Committee Meeting will be held on Wednesday 9 August 2006.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

NIL

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

NIL

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

NIL

ATTACHMENTS

1. Minutes of the Lithgow Correctional Centre Community Consultative Committee Meeting held on 12 April 2006. (Hard copy supplied only to the Senior Staff and Councillors)

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the information be received.

ITEM:2 EXEC - 15/05/06 - CONFIDENTIAL - STAFF RESIGNATIONS

Reason for Confidentiality

This report is **CONFIDENTIAL** in accordance with Section 10A(2)(a) of the Local Government Act 1993, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to the following: -

- (a) personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than councillors)

REFERENCE

NIL

SUMMARY

This report will outline to Council the recent resignation of staff and a management strategy to ensure service delivery.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council consider this report in the closed Council pursuant to the provision of Sec 10(A) (2) (a) of the Local Government Act 1993.

ITEM:3 EXEC - 15/05/06 - CONFIDENTIAL - SALE OF GAS WORKS SITE

Reason for Confidentiality

This report is **CONFIDENTIAL** in accordance with Section 10A(2)(d)(i) of the Local Government Act 1993, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to the following: -

- (d) commercial information of a confidential nature that would if disclosed:
 - (i) prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it

REFERENCE

NIL

SUMMARY

This report will outline the process undertaken with the sale of the Gas Works Site and reconsider further action on behalf of Council.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council consider this report in the closed Council pursuant to the provision of Sec 10(A) (2) (d) (i) of the Local Government Act 1993.

ENVIRONMENT & PLANNING SERVICES REPORTS

ITEM:4 EPS - 15/05/06 - CONFIDENTIAL - PROPERTY VALUATION OF OLD STABLES, BRIDGE STREET, LITHGOW

Reason for Confidentiality

This report is **CONFIDENTIAL** in accordance with Section 10A(2)(c) of the Local Government Act 1993, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to the following: -

- (c) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business

SUMMARY

To inform Council of a valuation requested for the Old Stables and land described as Part Lot 2 DP 1077295 located behind the Tin Shed Gallery in Bridge Street, Lithgow.

The valuation for the property is \$20,000, in the range of \$15,000-\$25,000.

The building is in a dilapidated and dangerous condition and Council does not have funds available to carry out repairs. The adjoining owner has expressed an interest in purchasing the property.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council consider this report in the closed Council pursuant to the provision of Sec 10(A) (2) (c) of the Local Government Act 1993.

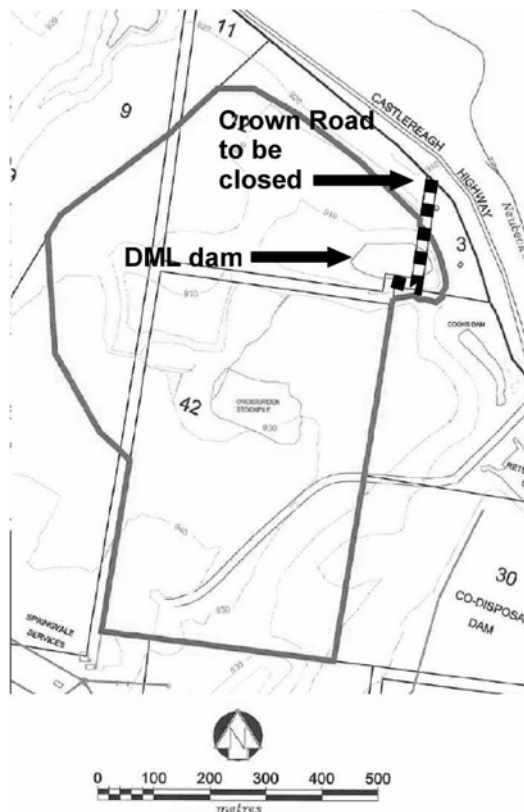
ITEM:5 EPS - 15/05/06 - APPLICATION TO PURCHASE CROWN ROAD FOR PROPOSED BLACKMANS FLAT WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITY

SUMMARY

The report seeks Council's approval to affix the Common Seal to an application to purchase Crown Land by Private Treaty which is an unformed Crown Road that transverses part of the site for the Proposed Blackmans Flat Waste Management Facility.

COMMENTARY

The Department of Lands has approved the closure of a Crown Road which transverses part of the Proposed Blackmans Flat Waste Management Facility site. The road is unformed and has never been used. Two rehabilitation mounds and the DML Dam are located on part of the road. This section of Crown Road is highlighted on the plan below.



To purchase the Crown Road, Council must apply to the Department of Lands with a \$220 application fee. In addition, the application should bear the Common Seal of Council. If approved, the purchase price will be \$2,100 plus GST.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The application fee of \$220, the cost of preparing the road closure plans and the purchase price of \$2,100 can be funded from the budget allocation for the Proposed Blackman's Flat Waste Management Facility.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

The closure and purchase is necessary to ensure the legal use of this section of Crown Road as part of the water management system for the Proposed Blackman's Flat Waste Management Facility.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

RECOMMENDATION

THAT:

1. The Common Seal be affixed to the Application for Purchase of Crown Land by Private Treaty for the Crown Road as shown on the plan in the report.
2. If approved, Council purchase the section of Crown Land for \$2,100 plus GST.

CORPORATE SERVICES REPORTS

ITEM:6 CORP - 15/05/06 - COUNCIL INVESTMENTS APRIL 2006

SUMMARY

To advise Council of investments held and cash movements for the month period ending 30 April 2006.

REPORT

The amount invested as at 30 April 2006 when compared to 29 March 2006 has decreased by \$2,083,499.72 due to ongoing Council expenditure but mainly attributed to payments made to the Department of Commerce for claims in relation to the upgrade of the Lithgow Sewerage Treatment Plant. Grant payments from the Dept Energy, Utilities and Sustainability will be made in the near future to reimburse expenditure.

The 4th instalment is due for payment on the 31 May 2006 along with the final payment of the 05/06 Financial Assistant Grant on the 16 May 2006.

The most significant outgoing amounts were:

CREDITOR	AMOUNT	PURPOSE
Technology One	41,481.80	Software Licences
Cadia Plumbing	28,363.73	Plumbing supplies
Aqualift	22,819.50	Swimming Pool Equipment
RTA	36,828.00	Fleet Registrations
Henry Plant Hire	29,473.34	Waste Depots
Hyrock	17,488.12	Road Materials
Jardine Llyodd Thompson	36,844.90	Insurance Premiums
NSW Fire Brigades	24,690.00	Quarterly Contribution
Omega Chemicals	17,407.47	Chemicals
Integral Enegy	33,017.34	Electricity
State Water	93,750.70	Water Purchase
O'Connor Auto	30,519.43	Vehicle
Shell	22,230.43	Fuel Purchases
Telstra	19,396.01	Telephone costs
Dept Commerce	974,428.68	Lithgow STP Upgrade
TOTAL FOR MONTH (ABOVE ONLY SAMPLE)	1,955,538.39	(Less investment transfers)

INVESTMENT REGISTER 2005/06								
INSTITUTION	INV TYPE	DATE LODGED	DATE DUE	DAYS	INT	VALUE 30.04.06	VALUE 29.03.06	% OF TOTAL
ANZ	TD	28.04.06	28.05.06	30	5.57	529,762.15	529,762.15	6.88
CBA	SHIELD	04.12.04	04.12.06	730	6.46	600,000.00	600,000.00	7.79
	On Call				5.35	694,433.79	1,094,433.84	9.02
LG FINANCIAL	TD					0.00	582,042.03	0.00
	TD	11.04.06	13.06.06	60	5.64	1,143,597.02	1,133,091.86	14.85
	TD	30.04.06	30.05.06	30	5.66	582,042.03	309,562.38	7.56
	TD	26.04.06	26.05.06	30	5.65	757,094.38	750,000.00	9.83
IMBS	On Call				5.45	1,922.10	471,922.10	0.02

	TD	09.02.06	10.05.06	90	5.75	517,314.47	517,314.47	6.72
	TD					0.00	512,061.75	0.00
ALLIANCE	Managed	01.04.02	28.02.06	365		1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	12.98
ST GEORGE	TD	06.03.06	06.05.06	60	4.00	511,996.71	511,996.71	6.65
	TD	NEW	05.06.06	90	5.62	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	12.98
	TD	05.01.06	05.04.06	90	5.10	0.00	411,361.67	0.00
	TD	24.04.06	26.06.06	60	5.70	364,917.92	363,031.33	4.74
			TOTAL			7,703,080.62	9,786,580.29	100.00%

I, Carol G Farnsworth, Lithgow City Council Manager of Finance & Corporate Services (Responsible Accounting Officer) certify as required under Local Government (General) Regulations 2005, that Councils investments have been made in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993, Regulations and Lithgow City Councils Investment Policy.

Policy Implications

All Councils investments are held in accordance with the Lithgow City Council Investment Policy.

Financial Implications

Investment income to date, 30 April 2006 totals \$421,554.62. Interest is paid on the maturity date of the investment and managed funds report earning quarterly.

Legal Implications

Investments are held in accordance with the Lithgow City Councils Investment Policy which accords with the requirements of the:

- Local Government Act 1993 - Section 625
 - Local Government Act 1993 - Order (of Minister) dated 17 March 2000
 - The Trustee Amendment (Discretionary Investments) Act 1997- Section 14A(2), 14c(1) & (2)
- The Local Government (General) Regulation 2005

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Councils investments for the month of April 2006 be received

REPORTS FROM DELEGATES

ITEM:7 **MAYORAL MINUTE - 15/05/06 - PACT MEETING HELD ON 27 APRIL 2006**

REFERENCE

NIL

SUMMARY

This report outlines the issues discussed at the recent PACT Meeting held on 27 April 2006.

COMMENTARY

At the recent PACT Meeting the General Manager and I attended and followed up on a number of issues that had been raised through Council, to which we now have some satisfactory answers.

The statistics that the Police provided us with indicated that person searches are up over 200% and the Police using the "Moving people along" under the new legislation is up nearly 250% which shows that the Police are being far more active over the last few months. It is also pleasing to see that "Break, Enter and Steal" crimes have dropped by 18% over the last year.

Of all the crime statistics the only type of crime on the rise has been assault and these figures are low in comparison with other areas. Unfortunately half of most assaults occur in relation to domestic violence issues.

As for staffing issues in the Lithgow area, there are three general duty Police Officers vacancies. These are expected to be filled over the next couple of months. There is one vacancy for a Detective and one for a Sergeant in the Highway Patrol. The other good news on staffing has been that Gerard Martin reported the State Government is in the process of having 750 new Police on duty state wide by January 2007.

The other issue that has come to the fore recently has been that of graffiti and at this stage it is pleasing to note that the Police are combining with the Council Officers to compare databases of graffiti and their "tags", so that Council or the Police can be in a better position to identify those responsible. It is also pointed out that there has been a change in the law, where it is now illegal for shop owners to sell spray cans to people under the age of 16. We believe that shops that sell these spray cans in our area are cooperating with this law. It is also understood that the Police will make more searches if they believe a person may be a suspect of doing some of the graffiti acts.

Finally, in what might be helpful not only to acts of graffiti but to any behaviour in Main Street, Council is also cooperating with Police in having their CCTV cameras hooked up to the Police Station, so that the Police would be able to monitor activities in Main Street even if they are in the office and therefore be able to respond better to that.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

NIL

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

NIL

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

NIL

ATTACHMENTS

NIL

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the information be received.

QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE