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PRESENT

Clr J Weaver (in the Chair), Clrs L Oldham, K O’Ryan.

Also present were the Acting Deputy General Manager Cabonne Services, Tourism, Culture & Events Coordinator, Executive Support Officer.

ITEM - 1 APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Proceedings in Brief

Apologies were tendered on behalf of Clr Pull and Clr Jones.

Apologies were also tendered on behalf of the Acting General Manager, Leader Community & Economy and Acting Department Leader Community Services

RECOMMENDATION (Oldham/O’Ryan)

THAT any apologies tendered be accepted and the necessary leave of absence be granted.

CEC 23/14 Carried

ITEM - 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

CEC 23/15 **RECOMMENDATION** (Oldham/O’Ryan)

THAT the Declarations of Interest be noted.

Carried

ITEM - 3 DECLARATIONS OF POLITICAL DONATION

RECOMMENDATION (O’Ryan/Oldham)

THAT any political donations be noted.

CEC 23/16 Carried

ITEM - 4 COMMUNITY SERVICES UPDATE

Proceedings in Brief

Clr Weaver noted the high quality of the reports prepared for the Community, Economy & Culture Committee meeting.

RECOMMENDATION (Oldham/O’Ryan)

THAT the information be noted.

CEC 23/17 Carried

ITEM - 5 COMMUNITY & ECONOMY UPDATE

Proceedings in Brief

As a result of a question from Cllr Weaver, the Tourism, Culture & Events Coordinator advised that council had not yet received a result from the small business funding application, however council would still be looking at going ahead with an event this month in regards to Small Business Month 2023.

Cllr O’Ryan advised that there is significant interest from the local business in regards to networking opportunities.

It was noted that there had been a very positive response to the newly released e-newsletter.

RECOMMENDATION (Oldham/O’Ryan)

THAT the information be noted.

CEC 23/18 Carried

ITEM - 6 SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

Proceedings in Brief

General discussion was held surrounding the potential for development of town specific brochures. It was suggested that the progress associations could get involved and provide input regarding what information should be included.

Cllr O’Ryan suggested that business who currently have individual marketing material could have them displayed in the Cabonne shed at the Australian National Field Days.

It was noted that it is also the intention of the Cabonne Collective to play a role in the promotion of local business.

RECOMMENDATION (Oldham/O’Ryan)

THAT:

- 1) the Cabonne Community, Economy and Culture Committee endorse to Council to provide \$15,000 to the Australian National Field Days Committee for the 2023 field days, under its 2023/2024 Sponsorship Program.
- 2) Leader Community & Economy to provide feedback at next committee meeting regarding town brochure development.

CEC 23/19 Carried

ITEM - 7 COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM 2023/24

RECOMMENDATION (Oldham/O’Ryan)

THAT the information be noted.

CEC 23/20 Carried

FOR NOTATION

Clr Weaver advised that the Canowindra Progress Association will be highlighting Banjo Paterson as a war correspondent as their theme for the Banjo Paterson Festival next year. The date for this event will be the 24 February 2024.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

Tourism, Culture and Events Coordinator advised that council had received a late application for the Sponsorship Program.

Molong Advancement Group have asked for sponsorship for their 2024 markets to be held 1 April (Easter), 10 June (King's Birthday) and 7 October (Labour Day).

Requested: \$6,000 per market – TOTAL \$18,000

Recommendation: \$18,000

In 2020 and 2023 council sponsored each market for \$5,000, however due to cancelled markets, Covid and wet weather the funds were carried over to use for the next market.

This year, MAG have requested additional funding due to the need to plan for a wet weather option.

MAG intend to offer the volunteer groups a percentage of their takings from the gate. In the past, takings have been used for community projects.

Sponsorship benefits include:

- Council branding on promotional material
- Council signage at event
- Acknowledgement of support on advertising and promotions
- Naming rights to the event
- Data and feedback

Funds will be used to reimburse council for;

- Traffic management
- Waste management
- Site preparation

The 2023/24 Sponsorship budget currently has \$65,000 remaining (not including \$15,000 recommended for Australian National Field Days 2023).

CEC 23/21 RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Cabonne Community, Economy and Culture Committee endorse to Council to provide \$18,000 to the Molong Advancement Group for the 2024 Molong Markets, under its 2023/2024 Sponsorship Program.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 12:34pm.