



## MINUTES

<b>1</b>	<b>Present &amp; Apologies / Previous minutes/Declaration of pecuniary interest</b>	
1.1	<p><b>Present:</b> Richard Archer (chair), Dennis Betts, Linus Grant, Bob Thomas</p> <p><b>In attendance:</b> Maree Bricknell, Lorraine Green</p> <p><b>Apologies:</b> Robyn McKinnon, Paul Schild, Harry Galea, Tim Flanagan</p>	
1.2	<p><b>Confirmation of the minutes of previous meeting (December 7<sup>th</sup> 2011)</b></p> <p><b>Amendment Item 2.4.4.</b>          Action to be recorded: Council Officers to check with Derwent Valley Council's General Manager regarding the cultural change they achieved in their Planning Department that contributed to the re-invigoration of New Norfolk</p> <p>That the amended minutes are a true and accurate record of the meeting.          Moved D Betts/L Grant                      CARRIED</p>	
1.3.	<b>Declaration of pecuniary interest</b>	
<b>2</b>	<b>Business arising from the minutes</b>	
	<p><b>Development of a long term strategy for the Village Green to Mill Dam area</b>          Issues discussed included the dry and overgrown appearance of the general boat ramp area, the state of the borrow pit in Stokes Park, the state of the proposed dog exercise area, the need to prevent the caravan park lessee obtaining a greater share of Carins Park without community consultation, should the committee support the overnight parking of self-contained motorhomes on the Abel Tasman Avenue side of Carins Park?, what plans have been prepared to date for the future development of this precinct?</p> <p><b>Action:</b> Maree Bricknell to coordinate a meeting of committee members, with Council's Works Manager, Wayne Chellis to discuss the above issues; with the aim of taking the committee's recommendations on the future strategy for the Village Green to Mill Dam area to the next Council meeting.</p>	
2.1	<p><b>Proposed Longford Public Aquatic Facility.</b>          It was noted that Tim Flanagan reported the aquatic facility committee had not met since our last committee meeting.</p>	
2.2.	<p><b>Longford Business Group Report</b>          Lorraine Green reported that the Chair of the Northern Midlands Business Association is planning to contact Paul Schild to determine the status of the Longford Business Group.</p>	
2.3.	<p><b>RV Friendly status for Longford</b>  <b>Action:</b> Lorraine Green to circulate the extract from the Council's January 23 2012 Ordinary Meeting relating to the Overnight Camping Draft Policy.</p>	

	<p><b>Action:</b> Council Officers to request data from Caravan Park lessee on the van occupancy rate and the number of vans that are self-contained.</p>	
2.4.	<p><b>Heavy vehicle traffic management around/through Longford</b>  Issues discussed included the traffic hazard created by large trucks parking outside the Rebel Roadhouse – other vehicles have to cross the centre line to pass the trucks, and trucks exiting the Meatworks and railyard areas having to swing across to the wrong side of the road to complete their turn.</p> <p><b>Recommendation to Council:</b> That Council look at traffic movements, especially of large trucks, in the Union Street to Illawarra Road roundabout area, the safety hazard created by large trucks parking outside Rebel Roadhouse and the possible opening up of Gilmore Street.</p>	
2.5.	<p><b>Outcome of the Committee’s recommendation to Council that, as a matter of urgency, Council requests Australia Post to defer the sale of the former Longford Post Office, and that Council consider community interest and investigate the feasibility of purchasing the property with the intention of creating a Tourism Information Centre and/or Norfolk Plains Interpretation Centre</b></p> <p>It was noted that at the December 12 2011 Council Meeting Council unanimously carried the following motion with regard to the former Longford Post Office building: <i>“That Council not pursue the purchase of the building and confirm the previous decision of Council.”</i></p> <p><b>Action:</b> Maree Bricknell to find out if a Postpoint is to be established at the Longford Newsagency, and if the post boxes are to be relocated to this site.</p>	
2.6.	<p><b>Draft Longford Urban Development Plan: progress report</b>  It was noted that the final version of the plan is awaited from Pitt and Sherry, and that the plan will then go out for community consultation.</p>	
2.7.	<p><b>Promoting community safety in Longford</b>  It was noted that there had been some vandalism at the Village Green toilet facilities.</p>	
2.8.	<p><b>Traffic management in Longford</b></p> <p><b>2.8.1. Request for relocation of the 50km/hr sign 80metres south of its current location at the Marlborough/High Street intersection</b></p> <p><b>2.8.2. Council review of traffic management in the Longford main street, especially with regard to the intersection of Marlborough and High Street where many school children cross the road.</b></p> <p><b>2.8.3. Suggestions for relocation of the bus stop in front of Bandana shop</b></p> <p>It was noted that at the January 23 2012 Council Meeting Council unanimously carried the following motion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Council refer to the Department of Infrastructure, Energy and Resources, the matter of the moving of the 50km/hr speed limit zone 80metres south of the High and Marlborough Street’ intersection, and</li> <li>ii) An alternate bus stop location in Longford be identified for use as the morning location for school students.</li> </ul>	

2.9.	<p><b>2.9.1. Request to Council for allocation of funds in 2012-2013 Council budget for the commencement of the Longford tree planting program</b></p> <p><b>2.9.2. Request for Premier's grant of \$5,000</b></p> <p>Linus Grant tabled a report on this agenda item and a copy of the letter from Premier Giddings re the Premier's grant of \$3,000 towards the project. It was agreed to seek community financial support towards the project.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> Linus Grant and Lorraine Green to prepare the funding application to the Tasmanian Community Fund: closing date April 4 2012.</p>	
2.10.	<p><b>Options for improving the amenity of the entrance to Longford</b></p> <p>It was noted Council had approved funding for the production of a town entry banner promoting Longford's motor racing history. It is proposed to erect this temporary sign along the face of the flood levee at the entrance to town around the Revival Festival weekend, Targa and Symmons Plains events.</p> <p>It was noted Wayne Chellis is preparing a report to Council on alternative landscaping of the Illawarra Road roundabout.</p>	
2.11	<p><b>Longford website</b></p> <p>Maree Bricknell reported Evandale and Campbell Town community groups have already established, and maintain websites at evandaletasmania.com and campbelltowntasmania.com. Council has purchased cressytasmania.com, longfordtasmania.com and perthtasmania.com. Council officers have populated and uploaded the Cressy website and could do the same for Longford and Perth.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> Dennis Betts , on behalf of the committee, to accept the Polytechnic offer to undertake the development of the Longford website, with issues relating to hosting and populating the site to be dealt with as they arise.</p>	
2.12.	<p><b>Proposed community notice board for Longford</b></p> <p><b>Action:</b> Lorraine Green to review existing town noticeboards and discuss the matter further with the Riverlands Coordinator</p>	
<b>3</b>	<b>New Business</b>	
<b>3.1.</b>	<p><b>Longford Streetscape</b></p> <p>Dennis Betts raised concerns about the new subdivisions that have small blocks, large house and no tree provisions that don't fit the ambience of Longford's traditional country appearance and is impacting negatively on the town's streetscape.</p> <p>It was noted that these matters can be raised during the community consultation period regarding the Longford Urban Development Plan.</p> <p>The issue is to be further discussed at the next meeting.</p>	

3.2.	<p><b>Health of the town's elm trees</b></p> <p><b>Action:</b> Maree Bricknell to check with Wayne Chellis as to whether the elm trees have been treated to withstand the elm tree disease.</p>	
3.3.	<p><b>Picnic table at Woolmers Bridge</b></p> <p><b>Action:</b> Maree Bricknell to check with Wayne Chellis with regard to this table that has been without a table top for a number of months.</p>	
3.4.	<p><b>Old Cloakroom in the Town Hall</b></p> <p>Maree Bricknell reported the theatre company that regularly puts on shows in the Town Hall has asked if the old cloakroom could be renovated to provide another change area for performers.</p> <p>It committee agreed with this costing being included in the 2012-2013 Council Works Program</p>	
	<p><b>Date for the next meeting:</b></p> <p><b>Wednesday March 7<sup>th</sup> 2012</b></p> <p><b>Meeting closed: 9.20pm</b></p>	