



Longford Local District Committee
 Meeting held at Council Chambers Longford
 Date: Wednesday November 7th 2012 Time: 7.30pm

MINUTES

1	Present & Apologies / Previous minutes/Declaration of pecuniary interest	
1.1	Present: Richard Archer (Chair), Harry Galea, Bob Thomas, Linus Grant, Paul Schild In attendance: Maree Bricknell, Lorraine Green Apologies: Tim Flanagan, Liz Lethborg, Emma Seymour	
1.2	Confirmation of the minutes of October 3 2012 meeting Moved B Thomas/L Grant CARRIED	
1.3.	Declaration of pecuniary interest Nil declared	
2	Business arising from the minutes	
2.1.	Longford Business Group Report <i>Action: Lorraine Green to follow up options for a local business networking function</i>	
2.2.	Promoting community safety in Longford 2.3.1. Query re the wording on the sign proposed for the Village Green playground The issue was discussed and the query was raised as to whether the same sign will be erected in other Northern Midlands playgrounds. <i>Action: It was recommended that council be advised of the need to develop a policy on signage at playgrounds.</i> 2.3.2. Mens Shed Bicycle maintenance session: Police advice re this Bob Thomas reported the Police advised that one person be appointed as overall supervisor for the session. He noted that one child, accompanied by a parent, attended the session.	
2.3.	Traffic management in Longford It was noted that the reconstruction of the carriageway had commenced in Wellington Street. Concern was expressed re the negative impact of the works on local businesses.	
2.4.	Options for improving the amenity of the entrance to Longford : update on the offer by Gillie and Marc to create an artwork(s) for the town 2.4.1. Options for gaining community input to the entrance issue. Linus Grant reported an article has been inserted in the November Country Courier regarding the suggestions to date for features at the entrance to Longford. It was agreed that ideally the project would come to fruition in the town's bicentenary year of 2014. 2.4.2. New town entry sign Draft of the sign is awaited from the designer. 2.4.3. Visit by Mark and Gillie It was noted that we await the date for their visit to Longford to meet with committee and council representatives.	

2.5	<p>Review of Council's Strategic Plan</p> <p>Maree Bricknell reported the draft plan is likely to go out for public consultation in early 2013.</p>	
2.8.	<p>Stokes Park, Village Green to Mill Dam walk</p> <p>It was agreed that the work undertaken to date was impressive. Maree Bricknell reported that the Works Team had commenced on the capital works program for 2012-2013 and that work at the boat ramp/Mill dam area will substantially be on hold until March/April 2013.</p> <p><i>Action: Maree Bricknell to bring the draft sign designs for the Longford walkways to the next meeting.</i></p>	
2.9.	<p>Ideas on how to mark the 200th year of Longford in 2014</p> <p><i>Action: It was recommended that Council be advised of the need for a policy as to how the 200th anniversary of the establishment of Longford is to be celebrated. (Suggestions floated included a council run competition for ideas for the beautification of the entrance to the town).</i></p>	
3	Standing Items	
3.1	<p>Current planning applications</p> <p>There was discussion as to whether these applications should be considered by the Committee.</p>	
3.2.	<p>Telstra tower for Longford</p> <p>It was noted that Council has to date received no further information on this proposal.</p>	
4	New Business	
4.1.	<p>Main Street Trees</p> <p>There was discussion of the need for the damaged trees to be replaced (NB. Bob Thomas viewed the area after the meeting and reported that the trees have now been replanted).</p>	
4.2.	<p>Tyre Business in Union Street</p> <p>Concerns were expressed about the poor appearance of the area and safety concerns relating to the area not being fenced off.</p> <p><i>Action: That Council be requested to take action to improve the safety and appearance of the tyre business in Union Street</i></p>	
4.3.	<p>Encouraging input to meetings when unable to attend in person</p> <p>It was agreed that members unable to attend a meeting be encouraged to contribute by making notes under agenda items and returning this document to Lorraine Green or Maree Bricknell prior to the meeting.</p>	
4.4.	<p>Committee membership</p> <p>It was noted that nominations for the 2013 committee will be called this month, with the aim of having the new committee in place in January 2013.</p>	

	Date for the next meeting: Wednesday December 5th 2012	
--	---	--

	Meeting closed: 8.45pm	
--	-------------------------------	--

Pending:

- RV Friendly status for Longford
- Proposed new notice board in Longford CBD
- Arborist report on proposed tree planting in Marlborough Street between William and High Streets
- Dog waste station near Uniting Church