

NOTES

1	Present & Apologies / Precious minutes/Declaration of pecuniary interest	Attach ments
1.1	<p>Present: Hugh MacKinnon (Chair), Vanessa Wallace, Linus Grant, Dee Alty, John Cauchi , Robert Hendley, Margaret Stebbings, & Bob Thomas In attendance: Maree Bricknell Apologies: Harry Galea, Cr Matthew Brooks Leave of Absence:</p>	
1.2	<p>Confirmation of minutes of 2nd October 2013 meeting Robert Hendley/John Cauchi that the notes of the meeting held on 2nd October were a true and correct record. CARRIED</p>	
1.3.	<p>Declaration of pecuniary interest There were no interests declared.</p>	
2	Business arising from the minutes	
2.1.	<p>Sub –Committee Report – Infrastructure Report It was noted that a letter had been sent to the owner of the Longford supermarket complex regarding concerns with the carpark, and pedestrian access to/from the entrance of the building, and inviting them to this meeting. It was pleasing to observe that several improvements to traffic flow had been made to the supermarket carpark . However there was no response to the committee’s letter, and it was resolved that Dee Alty would seek a meeting with the owners to discuss prior to the next meeting. Council had considered the committee’s motion from last meeting to withdraw the planning application in relation to traffic management/parking restrictions in Wellington Street between Lyttleton to William Streets. Council’s Traffic Management Committee is now charged with the responsibility to assess traffic management/parking restrictions for the whole Longford CBD area. It was resolved that Council be requested to undertake an Audit of Signage in Longford (including near entrance on Illawarra Road). Committee advised that the Signage for installation at Woolmers directing public to Longford – ‘<i>more living history</i>’ had been ordered. It was reported that the Wildlife warning signage from Mt Joy Road to Midland Highway was missing.</p>	
2.2	<p>Sub –Committee Report – Tourism Heritage & Culture Report It was noted that a letter had been sent to DIER seeking permission to plant a tree in the middle of the Illawarra Road roundabout with a trunk larger than 100mm diameter at its mature stage, however no reply had been received. Robert Hendley provided some research on the details of Pin Oak, Scarlet Oak, Red Oak, and fastigiata trees for information.</p>	

	<p>The committee complimented the Council's works staff for the improvement of the tidiness of the town entrance with recent additional mowing.</p> <p>The Committee members were pleased that Council supported the Assigned Convict Interpretation proposal at Victoria Square, and noted that the committee should bear in mind the story of the first Bishop while setting up the centre.</p> <p>Robert Hendley and Margaret Stebbings reported that they were investigating the possibility for displays in vacant shop windows with information on town history and events. It was important that the town looked good given the upcoming 200 year celebrations.</p>	
2.3	<p><u>Sub -Committee Report – Economic Development Report</u> –</p> <p>Council has now established a Northern Midlands Economic Development Committee comprising of the following members:</p> <p>Council representatives – Cr Knowles & Cr Goninon Council's General Manager Council's Planning & Development Manager Northern Midlands Business Association representative – Mr Michael Geeves Regional Development Australia representative – Mr Kevin Turner Primary Industry sector representative – Mr David Gatenby Commercial sector representative – Mr Michael Salhani, Mr Robert Harrison Tourism sector representative – Mrs Fiona Dewar Industry sector representative – Mr Russell Fyfe.</p> <p>It was suggested that the Economic & Community Development Manager, Ms Lorraine Green be invited to discuss the new established committee's role, as well as other tourism projects she is currently working on.</p>	
3	Standing Items	
3.1	<p>Events – ANZAC Centenary & Longford 200 year Celebration</p> <p>Noted that the organizing committees for these events are well underway with their plans for activities within the town.</p> <p>Bob Thomas to contact Lorraine Green and Jeff Carins regarding the specifications for making the large birthday cake for the event.</p>	
3.2	<p>Longford Velodrome & Road Rules Park</p> <p>The Chairman advised that Velodrome committee recommended to Council that it develop a staged development plan for a training and community use cycle track designed up to a safe speed of 64 km/h gradient within the current allocation grant, and to facilitate further stages from grant funding such as the Sport & Recreation Program and other funding sources.</p>	
3.3	<p>Walking Tracks, Street Trees, and Re-invigoration of the Longford CBD Area</p> <p>The committee noted the very positive community response to the street trees planted in Longford this calendar year. It was suggested that Hugh MacKinnon and Linus Grant meet with Wayne Chellis to discuss stage 2 of the planting program for the town.</p> <p>Moved Robert Hendley/John Cauchi that the fence line between the caravan park and Carins Park be planted with hawthorn. CARRIED</p>	
3.4	<p>Longford Planning Applications – <i>Development Applications for industrial, Commercial, any within main street precinct (Tannery Road to High Street), subdivisions of greater than 10 allotments, and any other that may impinge on the town streetscape are referred to the committee for comment</i></p>	

	<p>It was suggested that the Planning & Development Manager, Mr Payton be invited to a future meeting to discuss the Fire Risk Assessment requirement in the planning scheme, and provide an update on the Interim Planning Scheme.</p> <p>It was suggested that a representative from the National Trust be invited to a meeting in the new year.</p>	
4	New Business	
4.1	<p>It was suggested that the following items be advertised in Council community news items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incentive for Improvements to Heritage Buildings Policy • Gathering of Norfolk Plains Book. 	
4.2	<p>Tree Carving in Church Grounds</p> <p>Mr Peter Hoyle, an Anglican Church Warden attended the meeting to discuss the possibility of carving the tree stump following removal of an old dangerous tree approximately 4 months ago.</p> <p>Mr Hoyle advised that the church wardens authorized the removal of the tree but left the stump to provide an option to carve it if desired in the future.</p> <p>He thanked the Local District Committee for the invitation to attend the meeting to discuss the matter, and said that despite the recent newspaper story a decision to carve has not yet been made. The tree needs to be left for six months to dry out before anything could be done. Mr Hoyle said that should the stump be carved the church were concerned that there was an ongoing cost for maintenance of the carving.</p> <p>The committee members asked several questions and Mr Hoyle advised as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The tree lost was likely to be over 100 years old. • The large tree logs cut down were sold to the local sawmill and some small logs donated to locals in the community. Not aware of at this stage of any specific community use for remaining wood in stump. • there had been many suggestions considered by the church for a carving/s. After some research in history of the area, Mr Hoyle favoured an option to carve the first bishop of Tasmania who served in the area and students beside him as this would fulfill the role of the church and history of the area. • The church had no use for the timber already cut down for furniture etc. • The life of the carving if done was not actually known but there was an ongoing cost for maintenance. • It was indicated that the approximate cost of the carvings was \$3,000 for each figure. The church would be looking for financial support for any carvings. • The planning permit obtained by the church at this stage was only for removal of the tree, and another permit would be necessary for any carving proposal. • There was previously a redwood tree lost in the grounds and another redwood has now been planted. • There is a current basic plan of existing trees. <p>Committee members considered that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The grounds were the church grounds but also considered the communities grounds. • The grounds were reported to be planted with all trees mentioned in the bible, however there was some doubt regarding this matter. • the history story in relation to the carving proposal favoured by Mr Hoyle was interesting and a concept plan would be good to consider. • The Local District Committee could support the church for establishment of a 	

	<p>proper tree inventory, re-planting and maintenance program.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any replanting of the lost tree could be in conjunction with the Longford 200 year celebrations. • Would it be possible to create a relief somewhere to depict the Bishop story which is not well known in the community <p>The Chairman summarized the situation as it seemed that the carving may create conflict as most people really liked or really disliked the carving idea, the community love the grounds, and it may be a catalyst to trade the death of a tree to come up with a solution for a better plan for the trees and the grounds long term.</p> <p>Mr Hoyle said some of his local church friends believe that the loss of the tree opens up the view to the church which adds to the fabric of the streetscape, where a carving may detract from the church.</p> <p>Moved Dee Alty/Robert Hendley that the Longford Local District Committee reject the idea of the tree carving in situ, and in doing so encourage and recommend to Council that a proactive approach for design and funding for the improvement of the tree-scape in conjunction with the streetscape: coupled with other uses of the timber, and individual financial contributions for tree acquisition be encouraged.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p> <p>Mr Hoyle was thanked for his attendance, and encouraged to provide a short paper on any future needs and assistance that the Longford Local District Committee could provide in the future.</p>	
	<p>Date for the next meeting: Wednesday 4th December 2013 at 7.00pm at Blenheim Inn Hotel for a Christmas Dinner.</p> <p>Meeting closed: 9.00 pm</p>	