

## NOTES

1	Present & Apologies / Previous minutes/Declaration of pecuniary interest	Action
1.1	<p><b>Present:</b> Hugh MacKinnon (Chair), Robert Henley, Linus Grant, Dee Alty, Vanessa Wallace, Margaret Stebbings, Harry Galea, John Cauchi, Robert Thomas</p> <p><b>In attendance:</b> Maree Bricknell (Acting General Manager), Amanda Mason (Secretary), Jocelyn Phillips and Rachael (?) – Burn Brighter this Winter</p> <p><b>Apologies:</b> Cr Matthew Brooks</p> <p><b>Leave of Absence:</b> Harry Galea – for June meeting</p>	
1.2	<p><b>Confirmation of minutes of 5 March 2014 meeting</b>        Moved Dee Alty/Robert Henley that the notes of the meeting held on 5 March 2014 were a true and correct record.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Carried</p> <p><b>Confirmation of minutes of 2 April 2014 meetings</b>        Moved Linus Grant/Dee Alty that the notes of the meeting held on 2 April 2014 were a true and correct record.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Carried</p>	
1.3.	<p><b>Declaration of pecuniary interest</b>        Nil</p>	
2	Business arising from the minutes	
2.1.	<p><b>Sub-Committee Report – Infrastructure</b>  <u>Report</u>        Signage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Signage audit – audit is complete, committee members to review</li> <li>• Highway signage</li> </ul> <p>Traffic Management Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wellington Street Traffic Management</li> <li>• Illawarra Roundabout</li> <li>• Volume of traffic on Marlborough Street, Wellington Street and Tannery Road</li> <li>• Request to DIER to reconstruct and seal road pavement at width of 2 x 3.5m in Marlborough and Wellington Streets</li> </ul> <p>All issues have been raised and noted by the Committee.</p>	
2.2	<p><b>Sub-Committee Report – Tourism Heritage &amp; Culture</b>  <u>Report</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No new items to report.</li> </ul>	
2.3	<p><b>Sub-Committee Report – Economic Development</b>  <u>Report</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No new items to report.</li> </ul>	
3	Standing Items	
3.1	<p><b>Events – ANZAC Centenary</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion was held regarding assisting the RSL with ANZAC day 2015, it was agreed that assistance by the Longford Local District Committee can be provided if requested by the RSL.</li> <li>• Suggested that the plaques at Memorial Avenue be reinstated. More information to be collected and discuss at next meeting.</li> </ul>	

3.2	<b>Longford Velodrome &amp; Road Rules Park</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Works are underway. Waiting on further funding assistance for the perimeter fence.</li> </ul>	
3.3	<b>Walking Tracks, Street Trees and Re-invigoration of the Longford CBD Area</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fence line between Caravan Park and Carins Park</li> <li>Walking track and rehabilitation of Stokes Park</li> </ul> Discussed at Item 4.5	
3.4	<b>Longford Planning Applications – 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</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Application for 10 Wellington Street (circulated previously)</li> <li>Application for 7 Marlborough Street, Longford, Alterations &amp; additions, inc new verandah &amp; additions to rear, &amp; solar panels on own structure, &amp; signage (heritage-place/precinct) - use rear of offices as dwelling</li> <li>Strategic Planning Briefing Note, attached</li> </ul> Committee noted the current planning applications, including the removal of trees from the Anglican Church grounds.	
3.5	<b>Cycle way between Cressy &amp; Longford</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>On hold until funding grant available</li> </ul> Noted by the committee.	
4	<b>Other Business</b>	
4.1	<b>Longford First Impression Report</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Committee to review report and discuss at next meeting.</li> </ul>	
4.2	<b>Historic Brick Walls at Longford</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Committee noted the Council is waiting on a resolution with the owners of the walls. Hoping to receive planning applications shortly to strengthen or lower the walls.</li> </ul> Robert Henley /John Cauchi That Council note that the Longford Local District Committee is in favour of restoration of the Heritage Wall at its current height to maintain heritage values and streetscape.	Carried
4.3	<b>Replacement of the Longford Revival Festival</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Committee noted the Longford Revival Festival has been sold. The Acting General Manager will meet with the new owners on 9 May 2014 to discuss where the festival is headed.</li> </ul>	
4.4	<b>Budget 2014/15</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Noted priority issues have been provided by committee and submitted for budget deliberations.</li> </ul>	
4.5	<b>Report on LLDC achievements in last 6 months &amp; priorities for next 6 months</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Linus Grant gave a report on the achievements of the Longford Local District Committee for the past 6 months and work in progress (see attached report).</li> <li>The Committee agreed with all items listed and suggested the inclusion of the Velodrome on the list also.</li> <li>Dee Alty and Robert Henley gave a report on priority projects for the next 6 months. The three key issues were Wifi hotspots, Public Liability Insurance and Communication with other community organisations/tourism operators. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Amanda Mason to report on parameters of Council's public liability insurance at next meeting.</li> <li>It was noted by the Committee the recommendation that Council employ</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

	<p>a Festival/Events coordinator, and further that Amanda Mason has been appointed by the Council as Executive Officer, part of the role of which is to focus on coordination of events.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Committee also discussed the relocation of the Visitor Information Centre to the Longford Memorial Hall. The Committee noted that Council has had discussions with the Senior Citizens Club regarding the upgrade of the Hall enabling it to be hired out regularly by the public. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It was noted the Committee has put a motion to Council to investigate the relocation of the Visitor Information Centre.</li> <li>It was agreed that a decision would be made at Longford Local District Committee meeting as to what the next stage is to push for community support for relocation of the Visitor Information Centre.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<b>4.6</b>	<p><b>ANZ Bank opening hours</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Not discussed.</li> </ul>	
<b>4.7</b>	<p><b>Information Board update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Committee noted the matter is being investigated.</li> </ul>	
<b>4.8</b>	<p><b>Visitor Centre and Longford Memorial Hall</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>See discussion above.</li> </ul>	
<b>4.9</b>	<p><b>Assigned Convict Interpretation Site at Longford</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Committee noted the item has been referred to the Northern Midlands Economic Development Committee. Will be an ongoing project.</li> </ul>	
<b>5.0</b>	<p><b>Burn Brighter this Winter</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Presentation by Joceyln Phillips</li> <li>Jocelyn Phillips gave a presentation to the Committee regarding the project "Burn Brighter this Winter". The project is an initiative of the state government and is an education program focusing this year on Longford and Kingston to reduce wood smoke in the towns.</li> <li>Ms Phillips was seeking input and ideas from the Committee as to how they can engage the Longford community in the project. The suggestions of the committee were: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Keep the message short and sharp, visual and less text</li> <li>Focus on use of a positive message / saving money</li> <li>Give live presentations eg. Browns supermarket</li> <li>Use the event boards at the entrance to Longford to convey message</li> <li>Meet with community groups to spread the message</li> <li>Leave information at the Medical Centre</li> <li>Publish in Your Region and the Country Courier</li> <li>Provide a one page summary to the Longford Local District Committee with a draft poster.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<b>5.1</b>	<p><b>Tourism information touch screens in Longford</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Committee noticed this is being pushed in the 2014/15 budget. Research suggests that touch screens are becoming outdated and Wifi Hotspots are currently a more popular trend.</li> </ul>	
	<p><b>Date for the next meeting: Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2014 at 7.00pm</b></p> <p><b>Meeting closed: 8:20pm</b></p>	

**Memo to:** Local District Committees  
**From:** Planning & Development  
**Date:** 4 April 2014  
**Subject:** Northern Midlands Council Strategic Plan 2007-2017 –  
Structure Planning & Sustainability Items



Please find below briefing notes regarding strategic planning, as per item 4.6 of Council's Strategic Plan 2007-2017.

## **1 Northern Midlands Interim Planning Scheme 2013**

The *Northern Midlands Interim Planning Scheme 2013* was placed on public exhibition from 1 June – 2 August 2013.

51 representations to the scheme were received.

The Council considered these representations and sent a report on Council's view of each representation to the Tasmanian Planning Commission in January.

The Commission has advised that no hearings will be held until the Launceston Scheme is finalised, and it expects the hearings into the Launceston Scheme won't be completed until May 2014.

## **2 The Greater Launceston Plan**

The Greater Launceston Plan (GLP) is a planning initiative undertaken by the Launceston City Council, in conjunction with the Tasmanian State Government, the Australian Government (through the Department of Infrastructure, Liveable Cities Program) and with the support of the surrounding municipalities.

The draft GLP provides a long-term strategy for sustainable land use planning and management to inform a coordinated approach for municipal planning and investment in the greater Launceston area.

At its meeting of 17 March, Council resolved to make the following comment in response to the community consultation process for the Greater Launceston Plan:

*Council supports the GLP as a significant planning document for the City and its surrounds and recommends that its scope be expanded to consider:*

- *The impact of major tourism projects just outside its boundary, such as the proposed extensions and upgrades to the Symmons Plains Raceway;*
- *The potential for upgraded rail linkages between the possible rail hub at Western Junction and Bell Bay. Such an upgrade of the existing link may be an alternative to the long touted eastern heavy vehicle by-pass; and*
- *Provision for the long term growth of our northern towns (Longford, Perth, Evandale). Current trends for development to the north west of*

*the city may be hampered over time by traffic constraints, whereas the southern approaches to Launceston remain efficient. In the longer term we may see residential development following the major routes between the towns of Hadspen, Longford and Perth and back to the city.*

Further details on the GLP can be found on Launceston City Council's website - <http://www.launceston.tas.gov.au>.

### **3 Powranna Road Rural Processing Centre**

Item 4.9 of the Strategic Plan seeks to expand the Northern Midlands value-adding industrial base with a centralised state wide storage and processing complex for agricultural and other bulk products.

This requires the preparation of a land use management plan to facilitate and support planning scheme provisions.

A brief is being prepared for presentation to the May Council meeting.

### **4 Business Confidence in the Northern Midlands**

It is encouraging to note that Council is currently assessing approximately \$7.5 million of developments, including major expansions at both the Pure Foods egg sheds and the Petuna fish hatchery, and subdivisions creating an additional 11 lots.