

NOTES

1	Present & Apologies / Previous minutes/Declaration of pecuniary interest	Action
1.1	<p>Present: Hugh McKinnon (Chair), Dee Alty, John Cauchi, Vanessa Thirkell-Johnston, Linus Grant, Margaret Stebbings</p> <p>In attendance: Cr Mary Knowles, Amanda Mason (Secretary)</p> <p>Apologies: Robert Thomas, Robert Henley</p> <p>Leave of Absence: Harry Galea</p>	
1.2	<p>Confirmation of minutes of 7 May 2014 meeting: Moved Dee Alty/John Cauchi that the notes of the meeting held on 7 May 2014 were a true and correct record.</p>	
1.3.	<p>Declaration of pecuniary interest Nil</p>	
2	Business arising from the minutes	
2.1.	<p>Sub-Committee Report – Infrastructure <u>Report</u> Signage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee to provide feedback on signage audit. The Committee discussed in general the lack of coherence with the street signs in Longford. Reference was made the First Impressions Report of Longford which referred to Longford’s signage as a “mixed bag”. <p>Dee Alty / John Cauchi The Committee recommends to Council that the system of signage in Longford be simplified and made coherent by:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) being in sympathy with the entrance to the town; b) being in sympathy with the historic precinct and social viability of the town; c) removing outdated signs; and d) signs be grouped in like colour and font according to the category of the sign. <p style="text-align: right;">Carried</p> <p>It was requested by the Committee that Signage Committee investigate the appropriateness and location for the Tourism blue signs at the entrances to Longford and report back to the Local District Committee.</p> <p>Traffic Management Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee to discuss attached reports regarding traffic counting in Longford. The Committee noted the information provided regarding traffic counting in Longford and requested more information to interpret the data. 	

	<p>It was noted the data is from 2011.</p> <p>The Committee requested that Council conduct a further traffic count at the same location at the same time of year (late June), to provide a comparison and assessment of trends.</p>	
2.2	<p>Sub-Committee Report – Tourism Heritage & Culture Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No update 	
2.3	<p>Sub-Committee Report – Economic Development Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No update 	
3	Standing Items	
3.1	<p>Memorial Avenue Trees</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee to discuss attached article regarding restoration of the Pioneer Avenue and Memorial Trees in conjunction with reinstatement of plaques on Pioneer Avenue trees. <p>It was noted by the Committee that Roads & Transport removed a number of the Pioneer Trees with the road widening at Symmons Plains. A report on the Pioneer Trees has been compiled by the late Jane Neil Parker and suggested that Forestry Tasmania may be able to provide details as to the location of the report.</p> <p>It was resolved that the Longford Local District Committee supports the restoration of the Pioneer Avenue trees.</p>	
3.2	<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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application for 13 Marlborough Street (circulated previously) <p>The Committee noted the application.</p>	
3.3	<p>Longford First Impression Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee to discuss report (circulated last meeting). <p>The Committee discussed the Report and the suggestions therein. It was raised that Newstead College are running a program to get children involved in Tourism (Cr Janet Lambert is coordinating the project). It was resolved to invite Councillor Janet Lambert to the next Longford Local District Committee Meeting to address the Committee on this program.</p> <p>It was resolved that at the next LLDC meeting local people from the Tourism industry be invited to talk about the setting up of a Tourism Committee (15mins only). Margaret, Vanessa and Linus to approach local business owners and arrange.</p> <p>Dee Alty / Vanessa Thirkel-Johnston</p> <p>The Committee recommends to Council that they identify funding, location and implementation of a standalone visitor information centre as a matter of priority.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Carried</p>	

3.5	<p>Longford Local District Committee priorities for next 6 months</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee to raise ideas and discuss. Discussed at last meeting with focus being on the Visitor Information Centre. It was noted by the Committee to thank Wayne Chellis and the Works Department for completion of the street trees in Longford. Letter of thank you to be written by Chair. 	
3.6	<p>Public Liability Insurance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report re parameters of Council's Public Liability Insurance. Not discussed. 	
4	Other Business	
4.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dee Alty and John Cauchi requested leave of absence for July. 	
	<p>Date for the next meeting: Wednesday 2 July 2014 at 7.00pm</p> <p>Meeting closed: 7:50 pm</p>	

Memorial plantings a landmark vision

NRM North and the Northern Midlands Council are seeking local interest to reinvigorate a unique and significant memorial to our pioneering forebears.

The many exotic and unusual trees that adorn the verges of the Midland Highway from Hobart to Launceston are special. They are survivors of one of the most ambitious projects to remember Tasmania's pioneers.

From 1935 to 1980's, community groups and individuals worked to establish the Pioneer Avenue – a continuous avenue of ornamental and shade trees along the route of the old and new highway between Tasmania's two largest population centres.

The early vision of the project was to establish a living memorial to the early settlers, convicts and others who worked to establish Tasmania as a modern productive community. Long-time local Gwendolyn Adams, has had a long and personal involvement with the avenue, her mother having the honour of planting the last tree in the long avenue that linked the cities. "There were many varieties planted including pines, oaks, poplars and natives. Some that remain today are impressive in their size and majesty, others are in need of some loving care' she says. 'Time has come for the trees to be renewed, and for the old ones to be recorded for prosperity'

Northern Midlands NRM Coordinator Monique Case says 'All of this was done with the support of Councils, land owners, department of Main Roads, Forestry and the State Government – it was truly a community based and long held vision'

Monique is seeking to contact with landholders who believe they have a Pioneer Avenue plantation so these trees can be recognised and registered as part of a long term project to maintain and restore the Avenue to its former glory.

The committee is also keen to make contact with persons previously involved with the project at any stage of its history.

Please contact Monique Case on 0408 564 426. Or Monique.Case@nmc.tas.gov.au