

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE LONGFORD LOCAL DISTRICT COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 13 SMITH STREET, LONGFORD, ON 4 FEBRUARY 2015, COMMENCING AT 7.00 PM

1. PRESENT

Mr John Cauchi, Mr Jaap Wever, Mr Harry Galea, Ms Dee Alty

2. IN ATTENDANCE

Mr Hugh Mackinnon (Chair), Mr Des Jennings (General Manager), Miss Amanda Mason (Secretary), Cr Dick Adams

2. APOLOGIES

Mrs Anne O'Hara, Mr Linus Grant, Cr Mary Knowles

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Ms Dee Alty/Mr John Cauchi

That the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Longford Local District Committee held at the Council Chambers, Longford on Wednesday, 9 January 2013 be confirmed as a true record of proceedings.

Carried

It was noted by the Committee that the AGM for 2014 was missed.

4. CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT

Mr Mackinnon welcomed new members and staff to the meeting and thanked the outgoing members. The continuing members were also thanked for their time and contribution to the committee. Thank you was also given to the Council Staff and Councillors for their support of the committee.

Mr Mackinnon urged the new committee to build their relationship with Council staff to create an efficient committee.

It was noted that the previous committee created three sub-committees to work on and progress projects between formal monthly meetings. The three sub-committees were Economic Development, Tourism, Heritage & Culture and Infrastructure. Some projects driven by the sub-committees over the past year were: linking Longford and the Mill Dam by walking tracks, cohesive signage within Longford, planting of street trees, driving the development of an Information Centre in Longford, reviewing vehicle movements, wifi in Longford.

Ms Alty thanked Mr Mackinnon for his time and contribution as Chair of the Committee for the past two years.

5. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

5.1 Appointment of Acting Chairperson

Ms Dee Alty/Mr Harry Galea

That Mr Hugh Mackinnon be appointed as acting chairperson for the purpose of election of office bearers.

Carried

5.2 Appointment of Chairperson

Mr John Cauchi/Ms Dee Alty

That Mr Linus Grant be appointed as Chairperson.

Carried

It was noted Mr Grant had provided his permission to Mr Cauchi to be nominated prior to the meeting.

5.3 Appointment of Deputy Chairperson

Ms Dee Alty/Mr Harry Galea

That Mr John Cauchi be appointed Deputy Chairperson.

Carried

Mr Mackinnon congratulated the new office bearers and left the meeting at 7:17pm. Mr Cauchi assumed the role as Chairperson.

6. REVIEW OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

The Committee reviewed the Memorandum of Understanding and the following suggested changes were made:

- that the requirement for an Annual General Meeting be removed and a general meeting be held bi-annually in line with the new term;
- that in the absence of an AGM, the Chairman provide an annual report on the committees achievements;
- that the bi-annual general meeting be next held in June 2017.

Ms Dee Alty / Mr Harry Galea

The Longford Local District Committee recommend Council amend the Memorandum of Understanding to:

- *replace the requirement for an annual general meeting with a bi-annual general meeting, where the Memorandum of Understanding is reviewed and the office bearers are appointed*
- *require the Chair to each year provide an annual review of the Committees achievements; and*
- *identify the next bi-annual general meeting to be in the first week of June 2017.*

Carried

Ms Dee Alty/Mr Jaap Wever

The Longford Local District Committee recommend Council discuss all local district committees have the same Memorandum of Understanding, with a bi-annual general meeting being held at the same time each year.

Carried

It was noted that vacancies on the committee will continue to be advertised by Council.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

It was resolved that the meetings of the Longford Local District Committee will continue to be held at the Council Chambers in Longford, on the first Wednesday of the month at 7:00pm.

8. CLOSURE

The Chairman closed the Annual General Meeting at 7:45pm.