

**MEETING OF THE LONGFORD DISTRICT COMMITTEE 2 DECEMBER 2015
HELD BEFORE THE CHRISTMAS DINNER AT THE RINGWOOD HOTEL,
CRESSY, COMMENCING AT 6PM.**

1. **PRESENT:** Linus Grant (Chair) Neil Tubb, John Cauchi, Dee Alty, Dick Adams and for part Mary Knowles.
2. **APOLOGIES:** see Amanda Mason
3. **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

No quorum so referred to the next meeting for confirmation.

4. **DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

No quorum so not applicable.

AGENDA

The Chairman had advised the meeting would be informal therefore there was no agenda.

5.1 LONGFORD STREETScape AND TRAFFIC STUDY

1. The Village Well workshop report was circulated, and though received favourably, the traffic issues weren't covered in it.
2. It was not acknowledged that the LLDC requested that Council make this investigation.

General comments.

When the participants arrived for Village Well presentation, they found that there was no means of pulling the visual screen down in the town hall supper room without climbing on a table – the wand is too short.

The presentation was restricted because the equipment required to run power point was not on site. This was most unsatisfactory.

Three group were formed after the presentation – Main Street Activation, heritage tourism, and arts and festivals. – to progress ideas. There is considerable overlap with some of the LLDC's work. The Chairman has asked the general manager to appoint a Council project coordinator as a matter of urgency and to outline how the LLDC and members of the Village Well working groups are intended to jointly operate.

5.2 SIGNAGE

An update is required on the outcome of the November 3 meeting of the Signage Committee.

6.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

The Chairman said that the past year had been frustrating. Much time and effort had been wasted on the Visitor information issue, however, on the positive side some of the signage had been renewed and the information centre on the village green had finally been updated.

The Fox report and follow up consultancy Village Well have provided a starting plan to make Longford a brighter and better place for residents and visitors.

The Chairman reported that he had inspected Carins Park with the Works Manager who said a new fence would be erected by autumn. The committee requested that a hawthorn hedge be planted along side the fence.

The works manager also said that grass would be sewn in Stokes Park in March.

The Committee will seek clarification of the boundaries of Stokes Park, and the differentiation of the Stokes Park and the Borrow Pit and their possible usages. How this all might fit in with horse trails.

There was discussion as to the direction in 2016, given the ideas raised in the Village Well report, these included river activities, more defined walking/riding trails, petunias up the main street., banners – but the Committee was worried as to who would maintain such things if implemented.

There was also mention of how one might harness the Chinese connections to the municipality within our history tours.

The future of the village green was raised and that any proposed major changes should first be referred to the community so that any impact on communal use would be limited.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and wished them a happy Christmas.

Meeting concluded at 6.55 pm. There was a request for a meeting in January 2016 to deal with the items from the last year. Members will be advised as soon as possible for a meeting date.