

MINUTES

MEETING OF THE LONGFORD LOCAL DISTRICT COMMITTEE HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, SMITH STREET, LONGFORD ON WEDNESDAY, 6 JULY 2016, COMMENCING AT 5:30 PM

1. PRESENT

Mr Linus Grant (Acting Chairperson), Ms Dee Alty, Mr Neil Tubb, Lesley Mackenzie, Inga Apostol,

2. IN ATTENDANCE

Cr Dick Adams, Des Jennings (General Manager)

3. APOLOGIES

John Cauci, Michael Salhani, Terry Goldsworthy

4. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

Nil declared.

5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

It was resolved that the Minutes of the Longford Local District Committee Meeting held on 1 June 2016 be deferred to the next meeting as they were not attached to the other documentation.

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

6.1 Motions to Council

The following motions to be submitted to the June Council meeting as the Longford Local District Committee meeting of May was too late to make the Council agenda.

Traffic

The Longford Local District Committee requests as a matter of priority, the Northern Midlands Council and Department of State Growth conduct a feasibility study to determine alternate one-way vehicular exit from Browns Shopping complex via Union Street to Tannery Road, or an alternative route considered suitable.

Priority projects

Building preservation

The Longford Local District Committee requests the Northern Midlands Council investigate the following projects through the Longford CBD strategy:

- A lookout for Longford;
- Longford motor racing circuit historical stone markers;
- Mill Dam conservancy plan.

That Council notes the suggestion of investigating a heritage building preservation fund for future budgetary considerations.

It was noted that the motions to Council in the last minutes had been submitted, noted and referred to the relevant departments for a report.

6.4 Hedge at Carins Park

Hedge to be erected by Council when weather permits, to be listed in 2016/17 budget. There is confusion as to whether it is to be a hedge or a fence constructed.

The General Manager advised that the issue had gone to the Works Manager for a report.

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

7.1 Longford CBD

Updates to be provided as available. It was suggested the Works Manager be invited to meet the committee and that Anna Coxen be invited to advise on the Village Well progress.

7.2 Longford Play Space

27 June 2016 decision of Council is as follows:

DECISION

Cr Pooley/Cr Goss

That land at Victoria Square, 53 Wellington Street, Longford be approved to be developed and used for a replacement playground at the Longford Village Green with contemporary destination play space & children's playground, in accordance with application P16-087, and subject to the following condition:

- . 1 Development must accord with the Development Application P16-087 received by Council 19 April 2016, together with all submitted documentation received and forming part of the development application, except as varied by conditions on this Planning Permit.
- . 2 All necessary safety precautions i.e. signage, barricades, must be applied during the process of installation of the playground equipment.
- . 3 Any damage that may occur to any Council or State owned infrastructure during the installation of the playground equipment must be reinstated to the satisfaction of responsible authority.
- . 4 The playground equipment noise effects must only operate within daylight hours, and must be turned off outside daylight operating hours. The noise effects must not be audible beyond the site boundaries during daylight operating times.
- . 5 The playground lighting effects must be contained within the site boundaries, and shall not cause a nuisance to adjacent residential uses.

Voting for the Motion:

Carried

Mayor Downie, Deputy Mayor Goss, Cr Calvert, Cr Goninon, Cr Knowles, Cr Lambert,
Cr Polley

Voting against the Motion:

Cr Adam

Neil Tubb raised issue of the 'ownership' of the Village Green, noting that it historically was seen as belonging to Longford residents. He asked that given the green was now controlled by the Northern Midlands Council, would it be desirable to seek approval from Longford residents for any future changes for the use/appearance of the green. The General Manager offered to investigate the legal status of the matter and said he would advise the committee.

ACTION That the General Manager reports on the park's status.

7.3 Longford Strategic Plan

Waiting for the draft from Michael Salhani to put to the joint Committee and then to be circulated to the public.

7.5 Longford History (referred for discussion at the next meeting in August)

Ms Alty tabled a proposal for a Plan for Northern Midlands Council History, Heritage & Genealogical Centre, or Longford History & Information Hub. Committee to review for discussion at the next meeting. Ms Alty has sought a meeting with Council regarding the proposal, likely to occur in July.

Noted the report is Confidential at this stage.

7.6 Longford Roundabout maintenance

The General Manager reported that this had been referred to Council and it had been discussed. Council is now waiting for a decision from State Growth.

7.7 Funding for Committee Management

“That the Committee accept the offer of \$2,500 from the Council for financial assistance to manage the administration of the committee for a trial period of 12 months in order to relieve Council staff from secretarial duties, and that the Council be advised.”

Moved: Lesley Mackenzie/ Inga Apostol

CARRIED

8. NEXT MEETING:

Next meeting to be held at the Council Chambers, Longford on 3 August 2016. (Or at another venue to be advised)

9. CLOSURE

The Acting Chairman closed the meeting at 6:40 pm.