

MINUTES OF THE BIENNIALL MEETING OF THE LONGFORD LOCAL DISTRICT COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 13 SMITH STREET, LONGFORD, ON 6 JULY 2016 COMMENCING AT 5.30 PM

- 1.0 PRESENT: Linus Grant (Chair) Neil Tubb, Inga Apostol, Lesley Mackenzie, Dee Alty
- 2.0 IN ATTENDANCE : Councillor Dick Adams, Des Jennings (General Manager)
- 3.0 APOLOGIES: John Cauci, Michael Salhani, Terry Goldsworthy
- 4.0 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

“That the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Longford Local District Committee held at the Council Chambers, Longford on Wednesday, 4 February 2015 be confirmed as a true record of proceedings.”

Moved: Dee Alty. However as Dee Alty was the only person present at both meetings, the motion lapsed. Instead the meeting noted the minutes and agreed that a motion be raised at the next monthly meeting to endorse the 2015 AGM meetings.

MOVED: Dee Alty/Neil Tubb CARRIED

* It was noted that the Minutes of the AGM under item 6, review of MOU, recommended that Council amend the MOU to make the next biennial AGM be held in June 2017.

Council subsequently brought all seven district committees into a common two year term starting time effective from July 2016. Endorsed by Council 18 May, 2015.

5.0 CHAIRMANS REPORT - **Longford Local District Committee**

July 6, 2016

At last there is evidence our committee's work has started to turn from suggestion to reality. It is a modest start admittedly – fairy lights on trees in the main street as part of the beautification plan – but it nonetheless is the beginning of bigger, more impressive changes to the heart of Longford.

Getting this far has been a struggle. Frustration and advisory bodies seem to be inseparable twins, sapping energy, dulling enthusiasm. Some members leave because nothing happens. And

sometimes the committee can be its own worst enemy. LLDC is no exception.

The Fox Visitor Appeal Study and its successor, the Village Well Street Activation Plan, were the main focus of attention this term, each drawing unequal sharings of praise and criticism, notably Fox's conclusion that a stand-alone visitor information centre was not justified.

The committee welcomes council's decision to act on the reports, by:

Appointing a coordinator to pull together the first stages of the main street beautification plan, such as tree lights and pot plants outside shops; and Hiring Launceston architects Lange Design and Loop Architecture to implement bigger elements, such as portable four-sided dining areas in the main street and turning the roundabout into an attractive entrance to Longford.

Not everyone will agree on everything, but, thankfully, things are happening.

It is critical in my view that all involved in this common civic goal – that is, making Longford a more attractive, vibrant, prosperous town – work as harmoniously as possible and in good spirit.

It also means talking to the local community, asking for their opinion, keeping them informed and respecting their views. There is ample room for us to do much more along these lines in simple, face-to-face ways.

This year we took a sizeable step in this direction by teaming up with the Longford Business and Tourism Association under an informal Memorandum of Understanding. The purpose: to find common ground on ideas/issues/projects and present them to council through the LLDC. This move has broadened the scope of work and introduced another range of skills and experience to the committee.

I am confident that proposals to emerge from this joint body will benefit council and Longford.

Lastly, my thanks to fellow committee members, past and present, for their commitment and work, councillors and staff and welcome to new members for their undertaking to advance the interests of our community.

**Linus Grant (Chairperson,
2015-16)**

Discussion was held on the Chairman's report and committee members suggested ways to publicise the LLDC committee and its activities.

Linus agreed to talk to the Country Courier to undertake some publicity for the committee. To start by providing a copy of the annual Chairman's report. Also to ask the Editor to attend a meeting.

Also to have more details of the committee on council website, plus photos.

Dee suggested that the Committee have a regular stall at the market once a month, so people can meet some of the committee and Councillors if they wish to participate.

"That the Chairman's report be received" Linus Grant/Neil Tubb
CARRIED

"That Linus Grant be thanked for all the work he has undertaken as chairperson and that he had managed to achieve much in his time. Further that Amanda Mason and other Council staff be thanked for their assistance to the committee."

Dee Alty/Lesley Mackenzie CARRIED

6.0 At the Council meeting of 27 June 2016 the below members were endorsed for a term of 2 years to June 2018:

- Linus Grant
- Dee Alty
- Inga Apostol
- John Cauci
- Terry Goldsworthy
- Lesley McKenzie
- Michael Salhani
- Neil Tubb

7.0 ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

7.1 Appointment of Acting Chairperson

Councillor Adams agreed to act as Chairperson for the election of office bearers.

7.2 Election of Chairperson

Linus Grant nominated Michael Salhani, seconded by Dee Alty

There being no further nominations, Councillor Adams declared Michael Salhani elected.

7.3 Election of Deputy Chairperson

Dee Alty nominated Linus Grant, seconded by Leslie MacKenzie

There being no further nominations, Councillor Adams declared Linus elected.

Dick congratulated the new office bearers and Linus assumed the role as Deputy Chairperson.

8.0 REVIEW OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

The Committee reviewed the Memorandum of Understanding, discussed its implications and the following motion was moved:

“That the Chairman sign the Memorandum of Understanding for the next two years, noting that there is a minimum of 6 meetings per year and that outsiders can attend meetings, but cannot join in discussions unless asked.”

Dee Alty/Inga Apostol

Carried

9.0 OTHER BUSINESS

It was resolved that the meetings of the Longford Local District Committee can be held at the Council Chambers or other advised premises in Longford, on the first Wednesday of the month at 5.30 pm.

10.0 CLOSURE

The Deputy Chairman closed the Annual General Meeting at 6.10 pm