

MINUTES

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LONGFORD LOCAL DISTRICT COMMITTEE HELD AT THE LONGFORD MEMORIAL HALL, LYTTLETON STREET, LONGFORD ON WEDNESDAY, 9 NOVEMBER 2016, COMMENCING AT 5:30 PM

1. PRESENT

Linus Grant (Acting Chairperson), Dee Alty, Neil Tubb, Lesley Mackenzie, Sharin McCarthy, John Cauci

2. IN ATTENDANCE Dr Tim Flanagan and Greg Green

3. APOLOGIES Michael Salhani, Terry Goldsworthy, Cr Dick Adams

4. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

Nil declared.

5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

That the minutes be confirmed as a true and correct record **Dee Alty/John Cauci CARRIED**

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6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

6.1 The outcome of the presentation of the Longford District Committee's joint strategy plan to Council. It was reported that it was circulated to Councillors but not to the consultants as it was understood that Chairman Michael Salhani would formally present the report when he returned to Tasmania in the new year.

6.2 Planter boxes have now been passed by Council and are ready for installation. The fairy lights have now been made part of the village green lighting upgrade.

6.3 Finalisation and distribution of the map: the map has been finished and Anna Coxen is coming back to organize distribution. No date has been provided.

6.4 National Trust Display cases: it was understood that one display case was to be for the Council foyer and four others to find a home wherever the history room might be established. A formal letter to Council is being prepared.

6.5 MAST Paddle Safe session: the recommendation has been passed to MAST.

6.6 Calendar of meetings: Neil Tubb raised concerns that with a meeting only every two months that continuity would be lost and many items would take even longer to be attended to by Council. Deferred discussion till next meeting.

6.7 The hedge/fence at Carins Park: Noted that this had been an unresolved matter since 2013. Advised, however, that a report on the matter would be presented to the November meeting of council.

6.8 Traffic issues in Browns IGA (the number 1 priority issue from LLDC for this financial year): At the August meeting of Council, the officers recommended

“that the current access to Browns is suitable. The development was approved by all relevant stakeholders, and the conditions of that approval have not altered significantly. Constructing a new access to Union Street will be extremely expensive to construct and unlikely to achieve the outcome desired. The access is unlikely to improve traffic flow within

the development and would add additional traffic load to the intersection of Union and Wellington Street. The Council officers cannot see the benefit to Council of assuming ownership of this asset and cannot recommend that such an asset be constructed and financed by Council.”

And the recommendation is “No further action to be taken by Council”.

However, Councillors Adams and Polley successfully moved a resolution that the matter be considered (further) at a Council workshop, believed to be on 3 October. The LLDC seeks an update from Council as to the result.

GENERAL BUSINESS

6.9 Dr Tim Flanagan addressed the meeting and raised the issue of the floods and the history of same. Thought it could be part of a Rotary/Council project to get some more information displayed, both for locals and visitors. He was supported by Greg Green also from Rotary.

Motion: That this committee support the Rotary proposal in its concept form and that Dr Flanagan would come back to the Committee with a detailed proposal and that this decision be made known to Council.

Neil Tubb/Sharin McCarthy

CARRIED

7. Mill Dam: an on-site meeting and briefing about remedial work following the flood has been sought by the Mill Dam committee.

- Council to advise whether a date has been set to unveil the Ray Bean memorial in the Mill Dam reserve.

7.1 Citizens of the Year Award. Suggestions will be forwarded separately to Council.

7.2 Longford Play Equipment: It was noted that the work on this project on the Village Green was under way.

7.3 Linking of Christ Church Grounds and Village Green: Understood this now forms part of the CBD Strategy. Awaiting the release of the report.

7.4 Perth Bypass roadworks.

MOTION: That a Council officer attends the January meeting to brief the committee about how Longford will be linked to the new system.

Neil Tubb/J.Cauci CARRIED

7.5. NEXT MEETING: January 18, 2017

7.6. CLOSURE

The Acting Chairman closed the meeting at 6.50 pm

ATTACHMENT A

PROPOSAL FOR HISTORY ROOMS

Further to meetings been held with community and then with the National Trust, the Longford Collection is remaining for the time being at Clarendon, but the group and the Council has been offered a number of display cases that could be changed on a regular basis. This was seen as acceptable to the majority of the group, as long as the material could be selected to a regular theme – say per two months.

However, the desire to use the Memorial Hall has led to a number of complications that the Council has not been prepared to overcome. So following a discussion with Michael Salhani and Maree Bricknell, it was decided to have a look at the Library building, owned by Council. The Library or LINC building occupies the bottom half of the building but the top is a store room for acres of boxes and papers which we understood can be moved. There are about five rooms up there that could be adapted quite well to a good history room and display centre.

There is one problem – and that is access. To have these rooms available to the public, there would have to be a lift installed. It would also require a suitable entrance in order to make it visible from Wellington Street, for both visitors and volunteers. The lift would also be necessary for changing displays, elderly or disabled visitors and the collection of historic items.

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL

The recommendation of the group would be that if the Memorial Hall is not likely to be available for a history/genealogical/tourism centre, then on condition that a lift be installed, the group would be interested in working with Council to use the top of the Library.

Further, that the Council seek funds from funding bodies to install a reasonably sized lift in the Library building to be located from where the fire stair currently exist, and that they be moved to the south rear of the building.

**LONGFORD LOCAL DISTRICT COMMITTEE
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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Following a meeting with the National Trust in September 2016, there was an offer made by the National Trust that if we found suitable sites, five display cases could be provided with material from the Longford Collection would be provided for display. One was proposed for the foyer of the Council and four would be set up once the history rooms become active. These display cases would be changed on a regular basis and follow themes that the History Rooms volunteers wished to develop.

For example, for ANZAC day, the History Committee would seek out veterans of families from in and around Longford to display their stories of the them and their families after they returned.

Or picking up a theme from Rotary, such as the story of the flood levy, before and after its erection and the families involved in the 1929 floods.

These are examples only. The committee would also be interested in developing ongoing histories of the assigned convicts in this area.

The National Trust would be the owners and preservers of any material from the collection and would be acknowledged on all publicity and marketing material.

The LLDC seeks a formal arrangement between the Council and the National Trust in order that this offer be accepted.

We would be grateful for a speedy consideration of this matter.

Yours faithfully,

Linus Grant
Acting Chair
LONGFORD LOCAL DISTRICT COMMITTEE
