

MINUTES

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LONGFORD LOCAL DISTRICT COMMITTEE HELD AT THE NORTHERN MIDLANDS COUNCIL CHAMBERS, SMITH STREET, LONGFORD ON WEDNESDAY, 8 March, 2017 COMMENCING AT 10.00 am

PRESENT

Michael Salhani (Chair) Linus Grant, Dee Alty, Neil Tubb, Terry Goldsworthy,
John Cauci

2. **IN ATTENDANCE** Cr Dick Adams, Mayor David Downie (from start of main meeting) GM Des Jennings
3. **APOLOGIES** Leslie McKenzie, Sharin McCarthy
4. **GUEST SPEAKER** The meeting was addressed by Garry W Conway Cooper, Manager Launceston LINC, on the redevelopment of the Longford Library building.

Garry went through the document (attached) and invited comment. The meeting felt that the proposal didn't actually clear up issues, such as the amount of room available in the library for different purposes but if the library was to expand upstairs, the building had to have compliant accessibility to the second floor. It was also noted if there was to be a concentration on young children and elderly, then there should be an accessible toilet and change room. The chair mentioned the concept of a future civic centre to include a library with community facilities such as mentioned in this proposal. But in the meantime, more space was needed. Dee put forward the history proposal and gave a copy to Garry.

A motion to be put to Council to pick up the LLDC suggestion of access to the second floor.

RECOMMENDATION

That LLDC organise a workshop to have a look at the whole library proposal, and invite the LBTA to attend and develop a motion on the joint position to Council.

That a workshop be organised for the 14 March at 4pm at Longford Lodge.

5. **DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

Nil declared.

6. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

It is noted that a letter regarding the history proposal was not sent, therefore no response was needed from Council and that the minutes be adjusted accordingly.

That the minutes of the January meeting as amended be confirmed as a true and correct record **Terry Goldsworthy, Linus Grant**
CARRIED.

7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

7.1 The Chair asked the General Manager about the progress of the Urban Design Strategy and the timetable for its completion. It was noted that a draft would come back to Council at the end of March and a presentation might be possible in April, so that it can be finalised in time for the budget. The chair formally submitted the LLDC/LBTA joint report to Council and asked that it be included in the Land Use and Urban design strategy. (Motion attached) It was also noted that the committee wished the whole of the town considered not just the nominated heritage part.

- 1. That Council receives the Longford Strategic Plan report.**
- 2. That Council upgrades its current strategic vision document on Longford to include the main recommendations as stated herein and made in the Longford Strategic Plan report.**

7.2 Browns IGA Parking issue

Linus reported on a meeting he had had with the IGA and United that also included the council engineer. It is possible to widen the entrance and knock off a parking space to allow a better traffic flow.

Recommendation is to wait for the drawings being prepared by Council to be finalised, then work out how funds can be provided to undertake works.

7.3 Rotarian Submission.

Discussion was held on the Rotary proposal and that they had offered to raise some funds for it, if the Council was prepared review its evacuation plan and produce some user friendly information as well as assisting towards the story board .

Recommendation

1. That the Council erect a colourful information sign that shows the extent of past floods including the 1929 and the ones more lately that shows how effective the levy has been.
2. Identify a suitable site that would enable people to view the floods over the levy without causing traffic problems or interfere with emergency/council or police workers.
3. Develop a pamphlet that covers the major public points of the Emergency plan, including evacuation sites, road exits and emergency numbers

7.4 Mill Dam Reserve

- Council received the report in the Strategy Plan which included that:
- Development of a new vision for the use of Mill Dam based on a Nature Conservancy approach similar to the Tamar Island Wetland Reserve and for the preservation of native Flora and Fauna.

It was felt that the council response was in conflict with the LLDC motion and that the vision statement should be developed with the stakeholders before consultants be appointed.

MOTION

“That the resolution to Council be amended to change one word, to replace “plan” with “review”.

It was felt that this would cover the concerns. The General Manager agreed to put this forward.

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

8.1 Planning Applications

“The this Committee has no objection to the proposals.”

8.2 Issues not addressed

8.2.1 The issue of the PCYC be the subject of another meeting.

8.2.2 **Trucks still being parked along Illawarra Road.** The proposal of a truck park has not yet been addressed by Council. It was noted that sheep are also being left unattended in trucks on a hot day (25/1/2017)

8.2.3 **Fence in Carins Park.** This has still not been finalised properly, a big fence has been erected but no signs of any planting. When is the Council going to finalise this issue?

8.2.4 Public meeting in March is addressing the question of the Perth bypass and link roads.

8.0. NEXT MEETING: Workshop on 14 March at 4pm at Longford Lodge.

9.0 CLOSURE

The Chairman closed the meeting at 11.40 am