

## MINUTES

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LONGFORD LOCAL DISTRICT COMMITTEE HELD AT THE LONGFORD TOWN HALL SUPPER ROOM, WELLINGTON STREET, LONGFORD ON WEDNESDAY, 24 APRIL, 2017 COMMENCING AT 5.00 PM

#### PRESENT

Linus Grant, (Chair) Dee Alty, Neil Tubb, John Cauci, Amy Reiner, Michael Salhani (last meeting) Leslie McKenzie,

2. **IN ATTENDANCE** Cr Dick Adams.

3. **APOLOGIES** Terry Goldsworthy

4. **DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

Nil declared.

5. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

“That the March minutes be endorsed as a true and correct record”

Dee Alty/John Cauci                      **CARRIED**

#### 6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

6.1 Library – The committee expressed its surprise and disappointment that the library planned to close its doors to the public on Mondays.

#### RESOLVED:

**“That the LLDC writes to Council expressing its concern at this considerable loss of amenity to the community and the belief of the committee that such a reduction in service is not justified.”**

6.2 The Longford Strategic Plan was discussed. Michael Salhani explained that he had talked to the GM point by point about the plan’s recommendations. He suggested that the Committee look at the February Council minutes that considered the critical elements of it and respond accordingly.

6.2.1 Mill Dam – Noted that Council had agreed that a nature conservancy for local flora and fauna could be considered. The committee strongly urged that the Mill Dam Action Group be involved.

6.2.2 Parking issues – Browns Store, this is being considered by Council

6.2.3 Trucks parking in the town– that the Committee be more aggressive in seeking solutions.

6.2.4 Horse Trail – that the Committee considers this separately – that the Longford Equestrian Association be assisted in their bid to have an arena and parking at Woolmers and look for funding to achieve this. Councillor Goninon is supporting the approach. This should be a separate item and not part of the Urban Design Strategy as it is outside the study area.

6.2.5 Therefore Mr Salhani’s recommendations to the Committee are:

1. That the \$15,000 that Council had initially allocated to manage a community centre at the Memorial Hall be directed to:

- a. Feasibility study and assessment of the Longford Horse trail and/or
- b. Feasibility study into the development of a cultural, social and community centre in Longford (See 6.2.b of the plan) possibly at 8 Lyttleton Street.
- c. That zoning matters within the centre of Longford be reviewed.

2. That the Pitt and Sherry Report of 2012 be updated annually, adding to their brief land use for future commercial and industrial uses as well as residential.

It was also suggested that Council use this process as a means of keeping all towns in the Northern Midlands strategic plan updated.

### **6.3 Motions**

**“That the \$15,000 be allocated to feasibility studies into the Longford Horse Trail and/or the development of a cultural, social and community centre in Longford. (6.2.b) and (7.15)**

Neil Tubb/John Cauci

**CARRIED**

**“That the Pitt and Sherry report of 2012 be updated annually by the original authors and used as the base for strategy planning.”**

Amy Reiner/Neil Tubb

**CARRIED**

6.4 Listed to be discussed by Council next month or June. The committee looks forward to hearing the results.

6.5 The Chair reported verbally on the Rotary submission. It was likely some signs will be developed.

6.6 Mill Dam reserve – this item is being considered under 6.2.1.

- 6.7 PCYC – it has been raised and the committee would like to know if there are any plans for the future for this building.
- 6.8 Trucks parking in the streets and on the Illawarra Road. Still a problem in the streets and trailers left on Illawarra Road.

### **MOTION**

**“That the Council advise as a matter of urgency what is proposed to deal with the parking of trucks around the streets and Longford entrances, and when the truck park is to be opened.”**

Dee Alty/John Cauci

**CARRIED**

- 6.9 Carins Park Fence and hedge. The fence has been erected and a trench for the hedge dug, but the hedge is still to be finished. The Chairman advised that the hedge would be planted soon.
- 6.10 Perth bypass and link to Longford. See general business.
- 6.11 Nominations for the new committee – The Chairman to clarify expiration of current term.
- 6.12 Main priority projects for 2017/18 – see General Business

### **7.0 GENERAL BUSINESS**

- 7.1 There was discussion about the Perth bypass and the effects of removing the direct Illawarra Road link between Longford and Perth. It was noted that a petition highlighting community concerns about the changes was being circulated.

### **MOTION**

**“That the bypass be redesigned so that direction connection between Longford and Perth be maintained”**

Dee Alty/Leslie McKenzie

**CARRIED**

- 7.2 Committee membership – there is some confusion as to when the Committee is up for election. The chairman to establish the expiration.
- 7.3 The projects identified as being the Committee’s priorities for 2017/18 are advised in motions in 6.3 and 6.8.
- 7.4 There was discussion regarding the caravan park and Council’s review of RV policy for the municipality. The Committee needs to respond fully to Council. Update the issue at the next meeting.

7.5 Planning applications. Committee members expressed concern at the amount of applications for speculative infill housing. It was pointed out that there were 70 empty houses in Longford and yet there was still land being subdivided into small blocks. There needs to be more discussion on this matter as to how Council could encourage these empty houses to be filled.

7.6 As this is Michael Salhani's last meeting, the Deputy Chair offered a vote of thanks for all the work Michael has done since being on and associated with the Committee.

Resolved

**CARRIED WITH ACCLAMATION**

**7.7 There being no further business, the meeting closed at 6 pm.**

**The next meeting will be in May, date to be advised.**