

## MINUTES

<b>1</b>	<b>Present &amp; Apologies / Previous minutes/Declaration of pecuniary interest</b>	
1.1	<p><b>Present:</b> Richard Archer (Chair), Dennis Betts, Linus Grant, Emma Seymour, Robyn McKinnon, Tim Flanagan, Paul Schild</p> <p><b>In attendance:</b> Maree Bricknell, Lorraine Green, Terry Eaton (for items 2.71, 2.7.2 &amp; 2.3.3.)</p> <p><b>Apologies:</b> Matthew Brooks</p>	
1.2	<p><b>Confirmation of the minutes of previous meetings:</b></p> <p>Amendment: Item 2.4.2. Linus Grant spoke with the General Manager, Derwent Valley Council.</p> <p>Motion; That with the above amendment, that the minutes of the meeting of October 5<sup>th</sup> 2011 are a true and accurate record of the meeting.          Moved E Seymour/L Grant CARRIED</p>	
1.3.	<b>Declaration of pecuniary interest</b>	
<b>2</b>	<b>Business arising from the minutes</b>	
2.1.	<p><b>Northern Midlands Trails and Bikeways Strategy</b></p> <p><b>2.1.1. Proposed southern trail: Catherine Street- Wilmores Lane- Burghley Street</b></p> <p>Information provided by Councillor Brooks was tabled by Maree Bricknell including that there had been no reported dog attacks in the unmade section of Burghley Street, and the last report of sheep stealing was in 2002.</p> <p>The committee acknowledged the concerns raised in the objectors' letters and noted that the current users of the land in the vicinity of the unmade section of Burghley Street had been long term users . The committee held that the making of this section of road should be included in future development plans for Longford and when developed should include walking provision.</p> <p>It was resolved to advise Council that the committee supported the promotion of Catherine Street to Coronation Park as a walking trail – with two improvement recommended: more frequent mowing of the verges to encourage walkers to not walk on the road, and bridging of the culverts.</p> <p><b>2.1.2 Proposed northern trail: Village Green to Mill Dam</b></p> <p>The committee was supportive of this trail and agreed to the next step being that Council develop a draft staged plan for the creation of this trail, including a timeframe for the rehabilitation of Stokes Park.</p> <p>The excellent rehabilitative work undertaken at the Mill Dam after the recent flooding was noted.</p>	

2.2	<p><b>Proposed Longford Public Aquatic Facility.</b> Nil to report</p>	
2.3.	<p><b>Longford Economic Development Study:</b></p> <p><b>2.3.1. Longford Business Group report:</b> Paul Schild reported he has Northern Midlands Business Association membership forms to give to members of the Business Group.</p> <p><b>2.3.2. RV Friendly action item including our position on overnight stays in Carins Park</b> It was noted that a consultation paper with regard to the outcome of the review of Tasmanian Councils’ RV overnight camping services had been released . The paper states that in order to comply with National Competition Policy, Councils need to recover the costs associated with providing overnight stop areas. Maree reported there is a Council committee working on this issue.</p> <p>The committee further discussed the pros and cons of using Carins Park as an overnight stop area. Action: Council officers to provide an aerial map of Carins Park for viewing at the next committee meeting.</p> <p><b>2.3.3. Heavy Vehicle Traffic Management Action Item: response from the Traffic Management committee</b> Terry Eaton, Council’s Engineering Consultant specialising in traffic management, noted that the committee has requested the Northern Midlands Traffic Management Committee provide advice as to the additional distance vehicles would travel if diverted along Powranna Road to travel on the Midland Highway rather than through Longford, and what are the advantages and disadvantages of this alternate route to travelling through Longford</p> <p>He reported that the majority of heavy traffic now passing through Longford from the south is carrying agricultural produce to the north west and the Longford route is considerably shorter for these vehicles. He reported that a bypass of Longford is included in Council’s current strategic plan; with one possibility being to link Wilmores Lane and Bishopsbourne Road (requires the building of a section of road).</p> <p>It was noted that an assessment of bypass options was needed prior to preceding, as the heavy vehicles bring business to Longford.</p>	
2.4.	<p><b>Council’s industrial/commercial and heritage strategy for the Longford retail area, and Council’s strategy to date for reinvigoration of the main street.</b></p> <p><b>2.4.1. Committee input to forthcoming review of the planning scheme strategic plan/ heritage provisions.</b></p> <p><b>Draft Heritage Precincts Schedule</b> It was noted that this will soon be released for public exhibition and a copy of the document will be given to the committee for review.</p> <p><b>Draft Longford Development Plan</b> The committee expressed the concern that the plan does not address the issue of the reinvigoration of the CBD area.</p> <p>Maree Bricknell reported Council has been advised that the federal government</p>	

	<p>is seeking to sell the old Post Office building. They have given Council 60 days to express an interest in buying the building prior to it going onto the open market. Action: Committee members to bring suggestions for future use of the building to the next meeting.</p> <p><b>2.4.2. Information on the New Norfolk reinvigoration process.</b> Maree reported that a teleconference is booked with the General Manager Derwent Valley Council on Wednesday November 9<sup>th</sup> at 9am to discuss the process used to reinvigorate New Norfolk. Committee members were invited to participate.</p> <p><b>2.4.3. Invitation to Council’s General Manager to join our meeting to discuss Council’s intention with regard to the reinvigoration of the original CBD of Longford including what resources (internal and external) are available to assist, how are businesses to be retained and developed, how to draw the community into this area of the town, how to increase business patronage in this area, can the approach taken by Derwent Valley Council at New Norfolk be applied to Longford?</b> It was noted that Adam Wilson is available to attend the committee’s December 7<sup>th</sup> meeting</p>	
2.5.	<p><b>Promoting community safety in Longford</b> The committee discussed the request for suggestions of topics and/or focus for the community safety forum proposed for Longford in the Council-State Government Partnership Agreement. It was noted that there is no Neighbourhood Watch in the town at present.</p>	
2.6.	<p><b>Traffic management in Longford</b></p> <p><b>2.7.1. Request for relocation of the 50km/hr sign 80metres south of its current location at the Marlborough/High Street intersection</b> And <b>2.7.3 Council review of traffic management in the Longford main street, especially with regard to the intersection of Marlborough and High Street where many school children cross the road.</b></p> <p>Terry Eaton spoke to this item. He stated that the current position of the 50km sign, on the crest of a hill, makes it very visible: moving it south would lessen the sign’s visibility. He reported Northern Midlands Traffic Management Committee member, Sergeant Clark, had agreed to the police monitoring the situation and is to report back at the next Traffic Management Committee.</p> <p>A number of concerns were raised by committee members including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The issue is not about driver visibility, but pedestrian safety.</li> <li>• How was it so easy to extend the 50km limit to the entry roundabout but not easy to move this 50km sign? Response: Determined by DIER advice</li> <li>• One member present at the intersection in the early morning each day has not seen any police presence</li> <li>• The hedge on the southern corner of High and Marlborough Streets is obscuring line of sight of the intersection</li> </ul> <p>After a lengthy discussion, the committee thanked Terry Eaton for his</p>	

	<p>attendance and advice, noted that the committee clearly did not agree within his position on the status quo re the position of the 50km sign, and indicated the committee would continue to fight for what it believes is required to improve the safety of the High/Marlborough Streets intersection at the times when school children are crossing in the morning and afternoon.</p> <p>Terry Eaton tabled his willingness to attend meetings to discuss issues face-to-face as required.</p> <p>It was resolved that the committee remains concerned about the safety risks posed to school children crossing Marlborough Street at the intersection of High Street, will investigate other traffic calming measures, and requests that Council further assess the safety issues at the times when school children cross at this intersection before and after school.</p> <p><b>2.7.2. Traffic count in Wellington Street, between Smith and High Streets &amp; installation of a digital display board trailer on Wellington Street to indicate the speed of passing vehicles.</b></p> <p>It was noted that the Council's road safety trailer has had further work and is to be trialed in the Longford main street, starting next week.</p> <p><b>2.7.4. Bus Stop in front of Bandana shop</b></p> <p>Terry Eaton reported he can relocate bus stops and welcomes the committee's advice as to an alternate location for the bus stop.</p>	
2.8	<p><b>Main Street Subcommittee report: .</b></p> <p><b>2.8.1.Outcome of the survey of community members and main street businesses regarding the current concept plan for the main street tree plantings &amp; raising of the issue with Premier Giddings</b></p> <p>Linus Grant and Emma Seymour reported they had met with the Premier at the Cabinet Community Forum at Cressy on October 30<sup>th</sup> to discuss the proposed tree planting program for the main street and possible funding sources. The Premier stated an application could be made for a Premier's grant of up to \$5,000 and that this grant could be used to leverage funds from bodies such as the Tasmanian Community Fund and Council.</p> <p>Action: Linus Grant to put together a submission to Council supporting the tree planting program and requesting funds be allocated in the 2012-13 budget to commence the planting program.</p> <p>Maree Bricknell reported two trees are being planted in the outstand by Jessen Lodge.</p> <p><b>2.8.2.Shopper survey</b></p> <p><b>2.8.3. Options for improving the amenity of the entrance to town</b></p> <p><b>2.8.4.Suggestions for use of the triangle area created at the southern end of Coronation Park as a result of the road realignment</b></p>	
2.9	<p><b>Longford website: possibility of involving Polytechnic students in the development of a website.</b></p> <p>Dennis Betts reported the Polytechnic responded positively to the request for students to assist with the develop of a dedicated Longford website in 2012. Council's support for this is sought and also with hosting of the site.</p>	

2.10	<p><b>Vacant Committee position and position of Deputy Chair</b>  It was noted that Council is to advertise to fill the vacant position.</p> <p>Linus Grant was nominated for the Deputy Chair position  Moved T Flanagan/E Seymour CARRIED</p>	
2.11	<p><b>'Unite Longford' project/event</b>  It was agreed that this was outside the scope of the committee.</p>	
3	<b>New Business</b>	
3.1.	<p><b>Proposed community notice board for Longford CBD</b>  Item deferred to the next meeting.</p>	
3.2.		
	<p><b>Date for the next meeting:</b>  <b>Wednesday December 7<sup>th</sup> 2011 7.30pm Council Chamber</b>  <b>Meeting closed: 9.25pm</b></p>	