



## 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, Bob Thomas, Harry Galea, Paul Schild</p> <p><b>In attendance:</b> Mayor Polley, Maree Bricknell, Lorraine Green</p> <p><b>Apologies:</b> Tim Flanagan, Councillor Brooks, Emma Seymour</p>	
1.2	<p><b>Confirmation of the minutes of previous meeting (March 7<sup>th</sup> 2012)</b>          Moved H Galea/B Thomas CARRIED</p>	
1.3.	<b>Declaration of pecuniary interest</b>	
<b>2</b>	<b>Business arising from the minutes</b>	
2.1.	<p><b>Development of a long term strategy for the Village Green to Mill Dam area</b>          Richard Archer spoke of the onsite meeting held March 13. In light of the discussions at that meeting, Maree Bricknell tabled a revised plan for the area.</p> <p>Motion:          That Council ensure the rehabilitated trail from the Village Green to the rail bridge is fully accessible and includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• signage about the trail;</li> <li>• seating and shelter in Carins Park above the boat ramp area;</li> <li>• seating and shelter at the top of the bank by the rail bridge.</li> </ul> <p>Moved H Galea/L Grant CARRIED</p> <p>Motion:          That Council develop a long term management plan for the Village Green to rail bridge ( including St George’s Square, Carins and Stokes Parks) area that includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• vehicle access to park on the riverbank;</li> <li>• provision, when the caravan park lease is renegotiated, to extend the caravan park into St George’s Square in return for making river frontage available for public access.</li> </ul> <p>Moved D Betts/B Thomas CARRIED</p> <p>It was noted that the fence separating the caravan park from Carins Park is an eyesore and incurs a financial cost after each flood.</p>	
2.2	<p><b>Proposed Longford Public Aquatic Facility.</b>          Nil to report.</p>	
2.3.	<p><b>Longford Business Group Report</b>          Paul Schild tabled a report on the current situation with the Business Group and his proposed way forward. Paul reported he will be approaching the business owners/operators who originally showed interest in the Business Group to gauge their current level of interest.</p>	

2.4.	<p><b>Heavy vehicle traffic management around/through Longford</b></p> <p>Re the hazards associated with heavy vehicles coming out of the driveway by the railway line: Maree Bricknell tabled the following advice from the Northern Midlands Traffic Management Committee: 'The issue here is the railway line signal which will be extremely difficult to relocate. We don't believe it is possible to realign the driveway and moving the fence would not improve the swept vehicle path.'</p>	
2.5.	<p><b>Draft Longford Urban Development Plan:</b></p> <p>It was noted that the community feedback period closes April 6<sup>th</sup></p>	
2.6.	<p><b>Promoting community safety in Longford</b></p> <p>Lorraine Green reported a representative of Tas Police has been invited to the meeting to discuss the recent arson incidents and vandalism, and how we can work together to resolve these incidents and reduce the risk of further incidents.</p>	
2.7.	<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></p> <p><b>2.7.2. 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>Maree Bricknell tabled the following advice from the Northern Midlands Traffic Management Committee: 'DIER have advised that they will agree with this request. We are waiting for their approval so that we can do the works. "</p> <p><b>2.7.3. Suggestions for relocation of the bus stop in front of Bandana shop</b></p>	
2.8.	<p><b>Longford Tree Planting Program funding application to the Tasmanian Community Fund</b></p> <p>Linus Grant tabled the completed funding application and reported it had been submitted to the TCF. \$40,000 has been requested and the outcome will be known in July 2012.</p>	
2.9.	<p><b>Options for improving the amenity of the entrance to Longford</b></p> <p>Maree Bricknell reported correspondence has been received from DIER that indicates a willingness to consider a feature on the roundabout.</p> <p>Action: The Committee recommends that Council makes a contribution to a 'solid, central feature' on the roundabout that is of note and attracts people into the town.</p>	
2.10	<p><b>Longford website</b></p> <p>Dennis Betts reported the Polytechnic students will not be able to assist with the development of the website.</p> <p>Maree Bricknell reported that Council will develop a Longford website as per the Cressy and Perth websites. She welcomes committee member input to the development of the website.</p>	
2.11.	<p><b>Derwent Valley Council response re changing the planning department culture</b></p> <p>Maree Bricknell tabled the 'New Norfolk Spatial Plan' that Derwent Valley Council has provided. It was agreed that the plan would be discussed at the next committee meeting.</p>	
2.12.	<p><b>Status of picnic table at Woolmers Bridge</b></p> <p>Bob Thomas reported the Mens Shed had not progressed this project yet as the members are focusing on the community garden which is to be opened on Saturday April 21<sup>st</sup> at noon, followed by a sausage sizzle. Bob extended an invitation to the</p>	

	opening.	
2.13.	<b>Vacant Committee Position</b> Action: Maree Bricknell to follow up the advertising of the position.	
2.14.	<b>Tourism Issues</b>  <b>2.15.1. Town map being handed out at the Visitor Centre</b> Lorraine reported she has asked Council's Tourism Officer who manages the Centre to review the maps being handed out.  <b>2.15.2. Removal of the old Skulduggery feature from the Village Green</b> It was noted that the feature had been removed.	
2.15.	<b>Community usage of the Longford Memorial Hall</b> Recommendation: That Council review the lease of the Longford Memorial Hall to maximize public usage of the facility.	
<b>3</b>	<b>New Business</b>	
<b>3.1.</b>	<b>PCYC Management Committee</b> Bob Thomas reported that a new management committee was elected at a recent meeting.	
<b>3.2.</b>	<b>Councillors Bus Tour</b> Maree Bricknell reported the Councillors will go on a full day bus tour on April 13 <sup>th</sup> , to view works being included in the 2012-2013 Council budget deliberations.  Action: Copy of the bus tour itinerary to be included with the meeting minutes.	
<b>3.3.</b>	<b>Draft 2012-2013 Capital Works Budget for Longford</b> Action: The draft to be circulated with the minutes.	
<b>3.4.</b>	<b>Mayor Polley provided the following information:</b>  Aquatic facility: that input is awaited from the Principal, Longford Primary School  Revival festival: that the DL cards being handed out at the festival should include Longford business discount offers; that it isn't appropriate to have vehicles on display in the town as they are located out on the Flying Mile.  Increasing town visitor numbers: Incentives are needed to get people from Launceston out to Longford: consider business vouchers and promoting the Town Hall markets  The gas pipeline: that Council encountered difficulties in getting the company to extend the pipeline down William Street to the town hub.  Vandalism in the town: that members of the community must report incidents to the Police as if they don't get the information, it doesn't appear in their statistical reports and they cannot respond appropriately.  Town entrance roundabout: Mayor noted that she did not support the planting of the grasses on the roundabout, and that she supported the committee's endeavours to enhance the town entry.	

	<p><b>Date for the next meeting:</b></p> <p><b>Wednesday May 2<sup>nd</sup> 2012</b></p> <p><b>Meeting closed: 9.10pm</b></p>	
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Pending:

RV Friendly status for Longford

Proposed new notice board in Longford CBD