

MINUTES

1		Present & Apologies / Previous minutes/Declaration of pecuniary interest
1.1		<p>Present: Richard Archer (Chair), Dennis Betts, Emma Seymour, Linus Grant, Cllr Matthew Brooks, Robyn Mc Kinnon, Harry Galea</p> <p>In attendance: Lorraine Green</p> <p>Apologies: Tim Flanagan, Paul Schild, Maree Bricknell</p>
1.2		<p>Confirmation of the minutes of previous meetings (August 17TH 2011): Motion; That the minutes of the meeting of August 17th 2011 are a true and accurate record. Moved E Seymour/L Grant CARRIED</p>
1.3.		Declaration of pecuniary interest
2		Business arising from the minutes
2.1.		<p>Northern Midlands Trails and Bikeways Strategy The following motion was passed at the September Council Meeting: <i>That Council, following the public consultation period, give the Committee access to the public feedback received, and the opportunity to express its opinion, prior to the Council making a decision on the report.</i></p> <p>In accordance with the above motion, the two letters of objection to the South Longford trail were tabled. It was agreed that the committee members would read this feedback and discuss the committee's response to the Northern Midlands Trails and Bikeways Strategy at the next committee meeting.</p>
2.2		<p>Proposed Longford Public Aquatic Facility It was noted the committee had not met since this committee's last meeting.</p>
2.3.		<p>Longford Economic Development Study:</p> <p>2.3.1.Chamber of Commerce action item It was noted that the Robert Keam, the Chair of the recently established Longford Business Group had resigned from this committee and may also have resigned from the Longford Business Group. It was agreed to await a report on the group's status from the group's secretary, Paul Schild.</p> <p>2.3.2. RV Friendly action item The following motion was passed at the September Council Meeting:: <i>That Council provide a timeline for the Longford RV Friendly Plan for consideration by the Committee at its next meeting.</i></p> <p>Lorraine Green tabled advice provided by Council's Planning and Development Manager, Duncan Payton that initially he had intended to await the State Government discussion paper on overnight stay areas however he has decided to commence the assessment process with the aim of completion within three</p>

	<p>months.</p> <p>The committee members discussed the pros and cons of the suggestion that Carins Park be used as the overnight stay area, under the management of the Caravan Park Manager. There was agreement that no more of the riverbank should be blocked off and made inaccessible to the general public.</p> <p>It was noted that in the future, when Stokes Park is completed, it could be the ideal location for the overnight stay area.</p> <p>Committee members were encouraged to visit Carins Park and assess whether they would support overnight stays in the park. Further discussion of the item will be on the agenda of the next committee meeting.</p> <p>2.3.3. Heavy Vehicle Traffic Management Action Item: response from the Traffic Management committee</p> <p>Harry Galea reported that many of the heavy vehicles travelling through Longford are coming from south of Cressy and could travel up Powranna Road onto the Midland Highway and thus avoid travelling through Longford.</p> <p>It was resolved that the Committee request that 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>2.4.</p>	<p>Council’s industrial/commercial and heritage strategy for the Longford retail area, and Council’s strategy to date for reinvigoration of the main street.</p> <p>2.4.1. Committee input to forthcoming review of the planning scheme strategic plan/ heritage provisions.</p> <p>Draft Heritage Precincts Schedule</p> <p>The following motion was passed at the September Council Meeting: <i>That Council provide the Committee with the opportunity to review the draft Heritage Precincts Schedule after the Council workshop, to enable the Committee to provide comment back to Council.</i></p> <p>The following advice from Duncan Payton was tabled: <i>“The interim scheme will be on public exhibition soon. The District Committee will be provided with a copy and invited to comment.”</i></p> <p>Draft Longford Development Plan</p> <p>The following motion was passed at the September Council meeting: Motion: <i>That Council note the committee’s decision in regard to the request for the provision of a timeline for the release of the draft Longford Development (Urban Growth) Plan and that a copy of the report P&D 2 be provided to the committee.</i></p> <p>Lorraine Green tabled three copies of the unedited draft Longford Development Plan and the following from Duncan Payton: <i>“These copies of the Longford Development Plan are provided for the information of the Local Committee only. Please advise the Committee that we will have the typographical errors fixed prior to public exhibition. The Committee is asked not</i></p>	

	<p><i>to further distribute these. Corrected copies will be placed on public exhibition in late November.”</i></p> <p>Linus Grant, Harry Galea and Dennis Betts received a report copy and will pass these to others on the Committee once read.</p> <p>2.4.2. Information on the New Norfolk reinvigoration process. Linus Grant reported on a preliminary discussion held with an officer at the Derwent Valley Council. He summarised their approach as being the offering of rate reduction incentives, bringing in a consultant to work on issues, and most importantly – a cultural change in their planning section to a proactive stance towards business development in the town.</p> <p>This led to a general discussion on what is Council’s intention with regard to the reinvigoration of the original CBD of Longford.</p> <p>It was resolved to invite Council’s General Manager to our next 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?</p>	
2.5.	<p>Promoting community safety in Longford Clr Matthew Brooks reported on a presentation made to a council workshop recently by Neil Warnock from Whitelion and Annette Hollingsworth and Steve Plowright from Cressy District High School. They covered a range of issues including the challenges facing young people and how mentoring programs can significantly assist young people.</p>	
2.6.	<p>Traffic management in Longford</p> <p>2.7.1. Request for relocation of the 50km/hr sign 80metressouth of its current location at the Marlborough/High Street intersection</p> <p>2.7.2. Traffic count in Wellington Street, between Smith and High streets & installation of a digital display board trailer on Wellington Street to indicate the speed of passing vehicles.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Lorraine Green tabled excerpts from the Northern Midlands Traffic Management Committee meeting held October 5th. The Committee were not satisfied with the Traffic Committee’s support for the status quo in the High/Marlborough Streets intersection vicinity. It was resolved to seek an item on the Council’s October Ordinary Meeting with regard to the Committee’s concerns. Chair Richard Archer indicated willingness to speak to this agenda item at the meeting.</p>	
2.8	<p>Main Street Subcommittee report: .</p> <p>2.8.1. Outcome of the survey of community members and main street businesses regarding the current concept plan for the main street</p>	LGras

	<p>Linus Grant tabled his report: <i>'Main Street Committee: Tree Planting Plan.'</i> The suggestion in the report of participating in the state government community forum at Cressy on October 30th was discussed and it was agreed that Linus Grant and Emma Seymour will seek to raise this issue with Premier Giddings.</p> <p>2.8.2. Shopper survey</p> <p>2.8.3. Options for improving the amenity of the entrance to town The Committee discussed DIER's opposition to the installation of a feature on the town entry roundabout and noted that other roundabouts in the state have such installations. It was generally agreed that a concept needed to be developed that can then be used as the basis for further negotiations with DIER.</p> <p>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 This item was deferred to the next meeting.</p>	
2.9.	<p>Longford's position in the National Broadband Network Rollout The following motion was passed at the September Council Meeting: <i>That Council assist with getting the National Broadband Network to Longford as soon as possible, and action include dialogue with local Federal Parliamentary Members.</i></p> <p>A letter that has been sent to state and federal members of parliament by Council's General Manager was tabled and noted.</p>	
2.10	<p>Longford website It was agreed the purpose of this website needed to be clarified as possibly it could be accommodated through an existing website. There was discussion of the need to have local websites eg. Heritage highway Tourism Region Association, Longford Online Access Centre – come up on google searches of 'Longford'. Denis Betts spoke of the possibility of involving Polytechnic students in the development of a website.</p>	
3	New Business	
3.1.	<p>Resignation of committee member Robert Keam Lorraine Green tabled Robert Keam's letter of resignation</p> <p>It was resolved to request Council to advertise and fill the vacant Committee position.</p> <p>The election of a new Deputy Chair was deferred to the next meeting.</p>	
3.2.	<p>'Unite Longford' project/event Dennis Betts asked for this item to be placed on the agenda for the next Committee meeting.</p>	
	<p>Date for the next meeting: Wednesday November 2nd 2011 7.30pm Council Chamber Meeting closed: 9.15pm</p>	