

MINUTES

1		Present & Apologies / Previous minutes/Declaration of pecuniary interest	
1.1		<p>Welcome to Council's General Manager, Adam Wilson</p> <p>Present: Richard Archer (Chair), Councillor Matthew Brooks, Dennis Betts, Harry Galea, Linus Grant</p> <p>In attendance: Councillor Mary Knowles, Councillor Richard Goss, Adam Wilson, Lorraine Green</p> <p>Apologies: Emma Seymour, Robert Thomas, Maree Bricknell</p>	
1.2		<p>Confirmation of the minutes of previous meeting (November 2nd 2011) Amendment: Item 2.6. Motion: That the Committee's request for the 50km sign at the intersection of High and Marlborough Streets Longford be moved 80metres south of its current location be referred to Council. Moved D Betts/E Seymour CARRIED</p> <p>That the amended minutes are a true and accurate record of the meeting. Moved L Grant/D Betts CARRIED</p>	
1.3.		Declaration of pecuniary interest	
2		Business arising from the minutes	
2.1.		<p>Northern Midlands Trails and Bikeways Strategy The Committee discussed a range of issues including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The need to ensure the riverbank is maintained for public access; • The need for Council to have a plan in place to obtain public access to the riverbank currently fenced within the caravan park when the next lease of the caravan park is negotiated; • The possibility of self-contained RVs parking on Abel Tasman Avenue – nose-in to the fenceline and managed by the caravan park lessee, or parked on the area currently earmarked for development as a dog exercise area; • The need for a plan/vision for the Village Green to Mill Dam area. <p>Motion: That Council be advised the Committee wants to be involved in working with Council and the community to develop a long term strategy for the Village Green to Mill Dam area Moved R Archer/L Grant CARRIED</p>	
2.2		<p>Proposed Longford Public Aquatic Facility. It was noted that the Aquatic Facility committee is considering a strategy for</p>	

	the sports centre that could include the aquatic facility.	
2.3.	<p>Items arising from the Longford Economic Development Study</p> <p>2.3.1. Longford Business Group report Nil report tabled.</p> <p>2.3.2. RV Friendly action item including the committee's position on overnight stays in Carins Park Item covered at 2.1.</p> <p>2.3.3. Heavy Vehicle Traffic Management Action Item: assessment of bypass options Nil to report</p>	
2.4.	<p>2.4.1. Council's strategy to date for reinvigoration of the main street, (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 etc...) and including discussion of committee suggestions for the future use of the former Post Office site.</p> <p>After lengthy discussion the following motion was put:</p> <p>Motion: That the Committee recommends that, as a matter of urgency, Council requests Australia Post to defer the sale of the former Longford Post Office, and that Council consider community interest and investigate the feasibility of purchasing the property with the intention of creating a Tourism Information Centre and/or Norfolk Plains Interpretation Centre. Moved: D Betts/L Grant CARRIED</p> <p>2.4.2. Draft Heritage Precincts Schedule Nil report tabled.</p> <p>2.4.3. Draft Longford Urban Development Plan Adam Wilson reported the community consultation period for the urban development plans will be advertised either December 10th or 17th, with the closing date for public feedback likely to be in late January.</p> <p>Richard Archer raised the possibility of an area in south Longford being zoned for future commercial development as currently the Convenience Store is the only shop in that end of the town.</p> <p>2.4.4. Information on the New Norfolk reinvigoration process. It was noted that Maree Bricknell and Lorraine Green had discussed the New Norfolk reinvigoration process with the General Manager of the Derwent Valley Council. He reported the Council offered rate incentives to new businesses and noted that the town's reinvigoration was greatly assisted by the supportive economic climate at the time.</p>	
2.5.	<p>Promoting community safety in Longford Nil issues tabled.</p>	

2.6.	<p>Traffic management in Longford</p> <p>2.6.1. Request for relocation of the 50km/hr sign 80metres south of its current location at the Marlborough/High Street intersection Adam Wilson advised that the Motion passed at Item 1.2. will be on the Council's January 2012 Meeting agenda. Richard Archer and Dennis Betts indicated their willingness to address Council on this matter.</p> <p>2.6.2. 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. This item was covered in the discussion of Item 2.6.1.</p> <p>2.6.3. Suggestions for relocation of the bus stop in front of Bandana shop .</p>	
2.7.	<p>2.7.1. Submission to Council supporting the tree planting program and requesting funds to be allocated in the 2012-13 budget to commence the planting. Linus Grant tabled a copy of the letter and supporting documentation forwarded to Premier Giddings on December 6th 2011 (held as an Attachment).</p> <p>2.7.2. Options for improving the amenity of the entrance to town The overgrown state of the entrance to the town was raised. Adam Wilson reported Council has requested DIER address this issue and that Council would be willing to manage the maintenance of this area if DIER contracted the work out.</p> <p>2.7.3. Suggestions for use of the triangle area created at the southern end of Coronation Park as a result of the road realignment Adam Wilson reported that Council was concerned about the track being developed over this land by drivers shortcutting from Cressy Road onto Catherine Street. It is planned to create a barrier to prevent this shortcutting.</p>	
2.8	<p>Longford website: Involvement of Polytechnic students in the development of a website. It was agreed Lorraine Green would arrange for Maree Bricknell to contact Denis Betts the next morning to discuss if it is possible for the website to be hosted on the Council server and options for advancing the offer of assistance by the Polytechnic.</p> <p>Adam Wilson indicated he would discuss with Maree Bricknell the suggestion that websites be developed for each northern midlands town.</p>	
2.9	<p>Vacant Committee position The Committee welcomed the advice received from Council's Executive and Liaison Officer, Lindsay Harwood, that Robert Thomas was the successful applicant for the vacant Committee position.</p>	
2.10	<p>Proposed community notice board for Longford CBD It was noted that Council has been approached by the Coordinator of the Riverlands Centre with regard to the possibility of the installation of a community noticeboard in the Longford CBD. The Committee had no objections to this proposal but queried the need given that there is a noticeboard in the entrance to the newsagency. It was noted that the process</p>	

	for ensuring the regular updating of the notices needs to be resolved before committing to a new noticeboard in the town. Lorraine Green agreed to follow this up with Riverlands Coordinator.	
3	New Business	
3.1.	Committee's communication to the community. Dennis Betts reported that the minutes of the Committee meetings are not readily accessible on the Council website. Lorraine Green agreed to follow this up.	
	Date for the next meeting: Wednesday February 1st 2012 Meeting closed: 9.20pm	