

MINUTES

1	Present & Apologies / Previous minutes/Declaration of pecuniary interest	
1.1	<p>Present: Richard Archer (Chair), Bob Thomas, Linus Grant, Elizabeth Lethborg, Tim Flanagan</p> <p>In attendance: Maree Bricknell</p> <p>Apologies: Lorraine Green, Paul Schild, Harry Galea, Emma Seymour</p>	
1.2	<p>Confirmation of the minutes of July 4th 2012 meeting</p> <p>Moved L Grant/B Thomas CARRIED</p>	
1.3.	Declaration of pecuniary interest	
2	Business arising from the minutes	
2.1.	<p>Longford Business Group Report</p> <p>The committee congratulated and expressed appreciation to NMBA for launch of the Heritage Highway app.</p>	
2.2.	<p>Draft Longford Urban Development Plan</p> <p>Final Longford Development Plan was tabled and copies are available on Council website.</p>	
2.3.	<p>Promoting community safety in Longford</p> <p>2.3.1. Safety concerns re the Village Green playground</p> <p>A Risk Assessment was circulated for the playground in Victoria Square detailing potential problems with the playground as a result of safety requests from the public – it was noted that the Australian Standards did not require fencing but some signage may be required.</p>	
2.4.	<p>Traffic management in Longford</p> <p>2.6.1. Installation of the 50km sign in Marlborough Street 80m south of the High Street intersection</p> <p>The committee was pleased to note that the 50km sign in Marlborough Street had been installed.</p>	
2.5.	<p>Options for improving the amenity of the entrance to Longford</p> <p>The Chairman met onsite with Council's Works & Infrastructure Manager, Mr Chellis and reported that Council would mow and keep tidy the right and left side of the entrance to Longford from the Roundabout (north of the levee). Some discussion took place on suggestions for promotion of Longford at the entrance to the town or within the roundabout.</p> <p>The committee resolved to further discuss the matter at the next meeting, and some more ideas be sketched-up for further consideration.</p>	
2.6	<p>Review of Council's Strategic Plan</p> <p>Strategic Plan workshop dates to be advised when Council set dates/times.</p>	
2.7.	<p>Breakfast or Evening forum to discuss community ideas regarding the future of Longford</p> <p>Resolved that Linus Grant meet with the editor of the Country Courier and seek his support to place a story in the next edition asking the local public to provide priorities for the future of their town of Longford.</p>	

2.8.	'Stokes Park' and Mill Dam Walk Upgrade work on a section of the walkway from Victoria Square to the Mill Dam has commenced in the Carins Park area, although progress is hampered due to weather conditions. Signage for the walkway is also currently being developed. Trees on Victoria Square along Archer Street have been removed and will be replaced in April/May 2013.	
3	New Business	
3.1.	Dog Waste Stations – Elizabeth Lethborg asked on behalf of residents of Longford if dog waste stations could be installed near the entrances to the Uniting Church grounds off William and Archer Street	
3.2.	Council arborist to undertake a report on the planting of the proposed Street Trees in Marlborough Street between William & High Streets. Council will be implementing an Elm Tree Beetle prevention treatment program over the next three year period (incl for the mature elm trees in Wellington Street).	
3.3.	The Longford Riverside Caravan park is in the process of increasing its powered camping sites by 18 places within the existing footprint of the park which will enable more visitors to stay in Longford.	
3.4.	Council is to trial CCTV camera's in locations within the Midlands townships in highly vandalized areas.	
3.5.	Elizabeth Lethborg sought leave from the next meeting.	
	Date for the next meeting: Wednesday September 5th 2012 Meeting closed: 8.45 pm	

Pending:

- RV Friendly status for Longford
- Proposed new notice board in Longford CBD
- Development of a long term strategy for the Village Green to Mill Dam area
- Second picnic table at Woolmer's Bridge – to be relocated from Evandale in near future.