

## MINUTES

<b>1</b>	Present & Apologies / Previous minutes/Declaration of pecuniary interest	
1.1	<p><b>Present:</b> Richard Archer (Chair), Robert Keam, Matthew Brooks, Dennis Betts, Linus Grant, Emma Seymour, Harry Galea, Tim Flanagan, Paul Schild</p> <p><b>In attendance:</b> Maree Bricknell, Wayne Chellis, Lorraine Green</p> <p><b>Apologies:</b> Robyn McKinnon</p>	
1.2	<p><b>Confirmation of the amended minutes of previous meetings (July 6th 2011):</b></p> <p><b>Motion:</b> That the amended minutes, with one further amendment (Item 2.8; second paragraph It was noted the 'Committee' – not 'Council') are a true and accurate record of the meeting Moved D Betts/E Seymour 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> Lorraine reported Council had asked for the report to be released for public feedback. Information on this public consultation is on the Council's website, and will be in the Northern Midlands News and Country Courier in September. The deadline for feedback is September 30<sup>th</sup>. The report is also an agenda item at the Evandale, Perth and Avoca District Committee meetings.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> That the Committee requests of Council that following the public consultation period, the Committee be given access to the public feedback received, and the opportunity to express its opinion, prior to the Council making a decision on the report Moved H Galea/T Flanagan CARRIED</p>	
2.2	<p><b>Proposed Longford Public Aquatic Facility</b> Tim Flanagan reported the Public Aquatic Facility Committee had met and discussed a range of issues including the benefits to the community of the facility and strategies to assist Longford residents to access other swimming pools in the absence of a Longford facility.</p>	
2.3.	<p><b>Longford Economic Development Study:</b></p> <p><b>2.3.1.Chamber of Commerce action item</b> Robert Keam reported that two exploratory meetings had been held with Longford business operators during July and the outcome, particularly of the second meeting that had a 12-15 person attendance, was an agreed desire to see a local business group formed. Robert Keam and Paul Schild then met with Ian Goninon (Chair Northern Midlands Business Association - NMBA) and Lorraine Green (in her role as Executive Officer NMBA) to discuss options/issues with the group being a subcommittee of the Business Association.</p>	

	<p>Another gathering of local business operators was held August 16<sup>th</sup> – with nine operators participating – and the group unanimously agreed to the formation of the ‘Longford Business Group’ as a subcommittee of the NMBA. It was noted that the first priority action for the Group was to connect local businesses more strongly to the Makers Market held every second Sunday of the month in the Town Hall.</p> <p><b>2.3.2. RV Friendly action item</b></p> <p>Motion: That Council be asked to provide a timeline for the Longford RV Friendly Plan for consideration by the Committee at its next meeting. Moved T Flanagan/R Keam CARRIED</p> <p><b>2.3.3. Heavy Vehicle Traffic Management Action Item</b></p> <p>It was noted that Tas Police had been active in the area recently and caught a number of speeding offenders.</p> <p>It was resolved to await the response of Council’s Traffic Management Committee.</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></p> <p>Maree tabled the following information provided by Duncan Payton:</p> <p><i>Council has not workshopped the draft Heritage Precincts Schedule for the interim planning scheme, and is expected to do so on August 29<sup>th</sup>. Some time after that the whole document will be sent to the Commission for informal review and then, subject to changes and Council’s wishes, out for informal public comment prior to more changes and formal referral to the Commission and the Minister to be declared an interim scheme. The time frame for this is unknown, although sometime around the end of the year may be possible. Whilst I see no problem with the Committee having a look at the schedule during the meeting, I do not feel that we should release a copy of the draft prior to Council discussing it at its workshop later this month.</i></p> <p>It was resolved that Council be asked to 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 prior to the Strategy submitting the Strategy to the Commission and going out for public consultation.</p> <p><b>Draft Longford Development Plan</b></p> <p>Maree tabled the following information provided by Duncan Payton:</p> <p><i>The Longford Development Plan is still with the consultants. Their lead consultant on this project, Wendy Mitchell, left to take up another position. Ian Abernathy has now taken that role. He has met with Paul Godier to discuss the requirements and expectations of this project and will soon provide us with a draft of the Campbell Town document for review, before completing the other towns. Realistically, the Longford Plan is still some way off.</i></p> <p>Motion: That Council provide the Committee with a timeline for the release of the draft Longford Development (Urban Growth) Plan for consideration as the</p>	

	<p>Committee's next meeting. Moved T Flanagan/R Keam CARRIED</p> <p><b>2.4.2. Committee members to table information on consultants/individuals they want to put forward to work with council and the committee on the reinvigoration of the main street.</b></p> <p>Robert Keam tabled 'Challenges' paper (attached) Lorraine Green tabled information on 'Living Communities' (attached)</p> <p><b>2.4.3. Committee members to bring to the next meeting , information on other towns that have been through a reinvigoration process, and how they achieved this.</b></p> <p>Action: Lorraine/Maree to follow-up the experience of New Norfolk when they went through a similar change experience to Longford</p>	
2.5.	<p><b>Promoting community safety in Longford</b></p> <p>It was noted that there were no community safety issues to consider.</p> <p>The issue was raised as to the status of the Longford Neighbourhood Watch Group.</p>	
2.6.	<p><b>Longford Town Hall</b></p> <p>It was noted that the Makers Market had booked the Town Hall every second Sunday until the end of the year, and that the organiser had plans to expand the market into the outdoor area behind the Town Hall.</p>	
2.7.	<p><b>Traffic management in Longford</b></p> <p><b>2.7.1. Relocation of the 50km/hr sign 80metressouth of its current location at the Marlborough/High Street intersection</b></p> <p>Information was tabled that has been provided by Council's Engineer and DIER, stating that they hold that the 50km sign was in the correct location at present.</p> <p>The general consensus of the Committee was that the sign needed to be relocated as the Committee had recommended.</p> <p>Action: Wayne Chellis to review this signage issue.</p> <p><b>2.7.2. The extension of the 50km/hr zone on Wellington Street north to the llawarra Road roundabout</b></p> <p>It was noted that this had been achieved.</p> <p><b>2.7.3. 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 once Council's road safety trailer was functional that it would be used for this purpose on a regular basis.</p> <p><b>2.7.4. 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>The advice of Council's Assisting Supervisor was tabled, indicating that he had no concerns about school buses stopping in front of Bandana.</p>	
2.8	<p><b>Main Street Subcommittee report</b></p>	

	<p><b>2.8.1. Draft plan for infrastructure changes, possibly including trees in the footpath between William and High Streets, proposed for the main</b></p> <p>Linus Grant reported Robert Keam and Wayne Chellis had accompanied him on a walk through the town to identify locations for trees to be planted within the footpath zones. Wayne Chellis reported his trees of choice were well-advanced flowering cherries.</p> <p>Wayne reported that the planting of trees, if requiring Council funding, will need to be spread over 2-3 years as each tree (plus grate and guard) costs in the vicinity of \$3,000.</p> <p>It was noted that the owner of the Blenheim Inn was interested in establishing an outdoor dining area in front of his establishment – and is willing to give up 3-4 car parks to allow an outstand to be created for this purpose.</p> <p>It was resolved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To support Council’s trial of the planting of two advanced flowering cherry trees outside Jesson Lodge</li> <li>• That the Main Street Subcommittee will survey community members and main street businesses regarding the current concept plan for the main street</li> <li>• That Council’s policy relating to outdoor dining be circulated with the meeting minutes</li> </ul> <p><b>2.8.2. Shopper survey</b></p> <p>Harry Galea reported this survey could focus on what businesses community members would support if established in the town.</p> <p><b>2.8.3. Options for improving the amenity of the entrance to town</b></p> <p>It was noted that DIER has indicated no feature can be installed on the roundabout. It was agreed this was not accepted as a definite NO.</p> <p>There was discussion re the need for signage on Tannery Road near the entrance to town, promoting what is on offer in the town.</p> <p>Lorraine Green tabled a small scale concept model of a ram’s horn that a local artist has developed and has asked be considered as a prominent feature at the entrance to the town.</p> <p>Maree Bricknell reported that a triangle area had been created at the southern end of Coronation Park as a result of the road realignment. She invites suggestions for the use of this piece of land.</p>	
2.9.	<p><b>Longford’s position in the National Broadband Network Rollout</b></p> <p>Maree Bricknell reported Longford is in Stage Four of the NBN roll-out which is likely to be at least three years away.</p> <p>It was resolved that Council be asked to assist with getting the National Broadband Network to Longford as soon as possible, and action include dialogue with local Federal Parliamentary Members.</p>	
3	<b>New Business</b>	
3.1.	<p><b>Longford Website</b></p> <p>There was discussion as to whether Longford should have a dedicated website. It was noted that some other towns in the municipal area had websites: some were developed by the Online Centre, others by Tourism groups utilising funds</p>	

	provided by local businesses.	
<b>3.2.</b>	<b>Developments at the Old Browns Store</b> There was general discussion of the work being undertaken at the Store.	
	<b>Date for the next meeting:</b> <b>Wednesday October 5<sup>th</sup> 2011 7.30pm Council Chambers</b>  <b>Meeting closed: 9.15pm</b>	