



Longford Local District Committee
Meeting held at Council Chambers Longford
Date: Wednesday July 6th 2011 Time: 7.30pm

MINUTES

1	Present & Apologies / Previous minutes/Declaration of pecuniary interest	
1.1	<p>Present: Richard Archer (Chair), Robyn McKinnon, Emma Seymour, Linus Grant, Tim Flanagan, Councillor Matthew Brooks, Robert Keam, Dennis Betts, Paul Schild,</p> <p>In attendance: Maree Bricknell, Lorraine Green, Wayne Chellis (for item 2.8), Duncan Payton, Bob Thomas</p> <p>Apologies: Harry Galea</p>	
1.2	<p>Confirmation of the amended minutes of previous meetings (June 1st 2011): Moved R McKinnon/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 Lorraine reported the final study report will go to the Council Meeting on July 18th for Council's acceptance and decision as to the way forward with the study outcomes. It was agreed to discuss this further at the next meeting.</p>	
2.2	<p>Proposed Longford Public Aquatic Facility Tim reported the committee is to hold its first meeting in the near future</p>	
2.3.	<p>Longford Economic Development Study:</p> <p>The following motions were carried unanimously at the Council's June 20th 2011 meeting:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) That the long ford Local District Committee collaborate with the Northern Midlands Business Association to hold a meeting of Longford business owners and operators to gauge interest in the formation of a Chamber of Commerce, and if the interest is there, to discuss the preferred structure and roles of the Chamber of Commerce 2) That Council assess Longford against the Recreational Vehicles (RV) Friendly criteria and works to address the shortfalls against the criteria to thus enable the town to achieve RV Friendly status 3) That Council request the Northern Midlands Council Traffic Management Committee to provide, to Council and the Longford Local District Committee, a report in relation to the management of heavy vehicles travelling through the town and to ascertain alternative routes. <p>2.3.1.Chamber of Commerce action item Concern was expressed as to the means of communicating with businesses regarding the forums, being only by a mailed out flier. Action: All committee members to encourage local business operators/owners to attend one of the forums.</p>	

	<p>It was noted that Richard is unable to attend the July 9th forum. Robert will be the committee representative at the July 9th meeting.</p> <p>2.3.2. RV Friendly action item It was noted that this item has been referred to the Northern Midlands Overnight Stay Committee</p> <p>2.3.3. Heavy Vehicle Traffic Management Action Item It was noted that this item has been referred to the Traffic Management Committee which will meet in the first week of August.</p>	
2.4.	<p>Briefing from Council Officers on the industrial/commercial and heritage strategy for the Longford retail area, and Council's strategy to date for reinvigoration of the main street.</p> <p>Duncan addressed the committee with regard to these items. Actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Committee to provide input to the forthcoming review of the planning scheme strategic plan/ heritage provisions.</i> • <i>Duncan to ask Council if the committee can have input to the above review process prior to it going out for broader public consultation.</i> • <i>Committee members to bring to the next meeting, information on consultants/individuals they want to put forward to work with council and the committee on the reinvigoration of the main street.</i> • <i>Committee members to bring to the next meeting, information on other towns that have been through a reinvigoration process, and how they achieved this.</i> 	
2.5.	<p>Proposed role for the Committee in promoting community safety in Longford</p> <p>The following motion was carried unanimously at the Council's June 20th 2011 meeting: That Council consult with the Longford Local District Committee with a view to</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) The Northern Midlands Community Safety and Liaison Committee being dissolved, and; 2) The role of addressing community safety issues in the Longford community being addressed as they arise (inviting Tasmania Police to attend meetings as required) by the Longford Local District Committee. <p>The committee agreed it will have Longford community safety items on the agenda as required.</p>	
2.6.	<p>Longford Town Hall</p> <p>The request for funding from the Accessible Communities grants program for \$17,500 towards the cost of installing a Cibe S300 Stairway Platform Lift between the main town hall area and the stage/supper room was not successful. The Committee is requested to give a priority rating to this project for Council's consideration (the total cost of the lift is \$35,000 GST exclusive)</p> <p>The committee resolved that the funding of the stairway platform is not a high priority at this time.</p>	

<p>2.7.</p>	<p>Request to reduce speed limit through the town to 40kms</p> <p>The following motions were carried at the Council’s June 20th 2011 Meeting:</p> <p>That Council request the Traffic Management Committee to investigate the relocation of the 50km/hr sign 80metressouth of its current location at the Marlborough/High Street intersection</p> <p>That Council request the Traffic Management Committee to investigate the extension of the 50km/hr zone on Wellington Street north to the llawarra Road roundabout</p> <p>That Council request the Traffic Management Committee to undertake a traffic count in Wellington Street, between Smith and High streets, to determine the average speed of vehicles travelling on the street</p> <p>That Council request the Traffic Management Committee to, following then traffic count, install a digital display board trailer on Wellington Street to indicate the speed of passing vehicles.</p> <p>Maree tabled traffic counts taken outside the Commonwealth bank last week and in July 2008</p> <p>The committee discussed concerns about the hazardous nature of the high and Marlborough Street intersection and were of the opinion that a school crossing should be installed here (as per the crossing on the main road at Perth.</p> <p>Motion: That Council review 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. Moved T Flanagan/L Grant CARRIED</p>	
<p>2.8</p>	<p>Main Street Subcommittee report</p> <p>2.8.1. Funds committed to works in the main street over the next 1-2 years The committee reported a meeting had been held with Maree to discuss this item. The items in the Council’s 2011-2012 budget include: Replacing the trees in Wellington Street – Archer Street to Union Street Upgrading of signage Union to High Streets Road verge reconstruction Lyttleton Street to Smith Street Bus shelter near Bulwer Street, PCY C and possibly the Village Green Street furniture upgrade including seating, bins etc... Footpath railway line to JBS entrance.</p> <p>It was noted that Council will be bringing a draft plan for infrastructure changes, possibly including trees in the footpath between William and High Streets, proposed for the main street to our next meeting, prior to the plan going out for public consultation.</p> <p>2.8.2. Shopper survey</p> <p>2.8.3. Options for improving the amenity of the entrance to town It was noted that this was an element of an overall plan.</p>	

3	New Business	
3.1.	Item for the next committee agenda Longford's position in the National Broadband Network rollout	
	Date for the next meeting: Wednesday August 3rd 2011 7.30pm Council Chambers	
	Meeting closed: 9.15pm	