

NOTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LONGFORD LOCAL DISTRICT COMMITTEE HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, SMITH STREET, LONGFORD ON WEDNESDAY, 4 FEBRUARY 2015, COMMENCING AT 7:45 PM

1. PRESENT

Mr John Cauchi (Acting Chair), Ms Dee Alty, Mr Harry Galea, Mr Jaap Wever

2. IN ATTENDANCE

Cr Dick Adams, Mr Des Jennings (General Manager), Miss Amanda Mason (Secretary)

3. APOLOGIES

Mrs Anne O'Hara, Mr Linus Grant, Cr Mary Knowles

4. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

Nil

5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Deferred

That the Minutes of the Longford Local District Committee Meeting held on 3 December 2014 be confirmed as a true record of proceedings.

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

7.1 Infrastructure Sub-Committee Report

7.1.1 Appointment of Sub-Committee

Deferred until all members present

7.2 Tourism Heritage & Culture Sub-Committee Report

7.2.1 Appointment of Sub-Committee

Deferred until all members present.

7.2.2 Visitor Information Hut

Committee to review proposed signs for the Visitor Information Hut at Longford and provide recommendations / comment for amendment.

The Committee discussed the proof of the signs for the information hut. It was recognised that there are significant changes to be made.

Suggestion was made for future projects, such as information at the entrance to the town.

7.2.3 Wifi in Longford

Wifi has been installed and is presently being tested. Once testing complete and set up finalised it will be advertised.

7.3 Economic Development Sub-Committee Report

7.3.1 Appointment of Sub-Committee

Deferred until all members present

7.4 Longford Planning Applications

Nil planning applications at present. For the benefit of new members the planning process was briefly explained.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

8.1 Business Plan for Visitor Information Hut

A Business Plan for a standalone Visitor Information Hut in Longford as prepared by Ms Alty was tabled to be circulated to the committee for comment at the next meeting.

8.2 Thank you to past members

It was requested that a thank you letter be sent to past members for their contribution to the committee. Miss Mason advised that it is practice to send thank you letters to past members for their contribution to the committee.

9. NEXT MEETING:

Next meeting to be held at the Council Chambers, Longford on **4 March 2015**.

10. CLOSURE

The Chairman closed the meeting at **8:20pm**.

MATTERS PENDING		
Date Moved	Motion	Status
3 December 2014 R Henley / D Alty	That the Longford Local District Committee agrees with the principles of simplification of the signage system within Longford and that the standard white signs with black print be maintained outside of the heritage precinct area, and the heritage street signs be kept within the heritage area.	
6 August 2014 D Alty/R Henley	That the Committee refer the matter of traffic counts, load limits and other traffic issues to Council's traffic engineer to report back at the next meeting.	To be considered through the Traffic Study Committee Council decision on whether study will proceed pending outcome December Council meeting
2 July 2014 R Henley / M Stebbings	The Longford Local District Committee recommends to Council that Lorraine Green & Fiona Dewar formally host a meeting of interested people with the view of establishing a Longford Tourism/Promotions Group. This could be done using the First Impressions Report as a basis for the meeting, along with an extension of the current Tourism Information Centre.	To occur as part of the Longford Visitor Appeal Study. Committee welcome to organise meeting independently of this.
4 June 2014 D Alty/J Cauchi	The Committee recommends to Council that the system of signage in Longford be simplified and made coherent by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Being in sympathy with the entrance to the town b) Being in sympathy with the historic precinct and social viability of the town c) Removing outdated signs d) Signs be grouped in like colour and font according to the category of the sign. 	Signage review conducted July 2014. Committee have been given opportunity to review and endorse recommendations. Review to go to Council to be considered.
4 June 2014 D Alty/V Thirkel-Johnston	The Committee recommends to Council that they identify funding, location and implementation of a standalone visitor information centre as a matter of priority.	To be considered as part of the Longford Visitor Appeal Study. Visitor Information Centre Committee established to investigate and report to Council