

## MINUTES

MEETING OF THE LONGFORD LOCAL DISTRICT COMMITTEE HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, SMITH STREET, LONGFORD ON WEDNESDAY, 7 OCTOBER 2015, COMMENCING AT 7:04 PM

### 1. PRESENT

Mr Linus Grant (Chair), Mr John Cauchi, Ms Dee Alty, Mr Harry Galea, Mr Neil Tubb

### 2. IN ATTENDANCE

Cr Dick Adams, Miss Amanda Mason (Executive Officer NMC)

### 3. APOLOGIES

Mr Rein Wever, Mr Anthony Morehouse, Mr Des Jennings

### 4. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

Nil.

### 5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

*Mr Harry Galea/Mr John Cauchi*

That the Minutes of the Longford Local District Committee Meeting held on 9 September 2015 be confirmed as a true record of proceedings.

Carried unanimously

### 6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

#### 6.1 Longford Streetscape & Traffic Study

Committee to note Council has endorsed the engaging of Village Well to manage the development of a placemaking strategy for Longford in accordance with the recommendation made in the Longford Visitor Appeal Study Report implementation plan for the Longford Visitor Appeal Study.

Traffic issues to be included in the strategy. List of issues prepared by the Committee will be provided.

It was noted Mr Grant has been invited to participate in the study as the Chairperson of the Longford Local District Committee and Ms Alty has been invited as representative of the Longford Tourism & Business Association.

The Committee requested that previous studies Council has done in respect to the Longford Main Street be reviewed and made available to Village Well, in addition to any data held in respect to traffic movements.

Mr Grant to follow up with the General Manager regarding invitations to be issued to the entire committee.

#### 6.2 Signage

Issues with signage within Longford will be addressed in the place making strategy mentioned in 6.1. Council has had preliminary designs for signage on Illawarra Road prepared for discussion with State Growth to occur re implementation.

It was noted that the sign for Longford at Woolmers Lane has fallen down.

### 6.3 Investigation of standalone Visitor Information Centre

Committee to note decision of Council at its meeting of 21 September 2015:

#### Cr Polley/Cr Knowles

That Council

1. accept the report on the actions taken in response to Council's decision at the August 17th 2015 Council Meeting that Council note and investigate the recommendations from the August 2015 meeting of the Longford Local District Committee.
2. support a 3 year trial of a Visitor Information Centre in the Memorial Hall, Longford, contributing up to \$15,000 toward the cost of equipment and furniture, subject to the following:
  - a) Consultation with existing users is undertaken and an agreement reached in respect to shared use of the Hall; and
  - b) The establishment of a group (independent of Council) to manage and man the Visitor Information Centre.
3. liaise with the Heart FM, Longford Tourism Group, Longford Local District Committee and Northern Midlands Business Association.

Carried unanimously

The Committee noted the decision of Council.

### 6.4 Longford destination play space

Committee to note that Council has endorsed the inclusion of a liberty swing and carousel in the destination playspace on the proviso that funding for the purchase and installation of the same can be secured externally. Further, Council will contribute \$5,000 toward the cost and should funding for the entire play space not be obtained, Council is to progress the installation of the liberty swing and carousel.

The Committee noted the information provided.

## 7. GENERAL BUSINESS

### 7.1 Longford Planning Applications

#### 7.1.1 P15-283 – Queens Arms Hotel

Enquiry was made about ability to have a designated smoking area.

#### **Action**

Miss Mason to enquire with Planning Department as to the requirements.

#### 7.1.2 Non-conforming signs

Committee to note that the issue of non-conforming signs was discussed at the Council meeting of 21 September 2015 and a policy for small compact signs (those not requiring planning approval) is being prepared and larger signs are being addressed through planning scheme.

The Committee noted the information.

## **8. OTHER BUSINESS**

### **8.1 Tom Roberts**

Committee to note following decision of Council from its meeting of 21 September 2015:

#### **Cr Polley/Cr Knowles**

That Council:

- i) endorse the proposal for Tom Robert's interpretation at Longford and/or Christ Church Illawarra, and
- ii) enter into negotiations with Christ Church with regard to the upkeep of Tom Robert's grave.

The Committee noted the information and suggested that the Tom Roberts painting of shearing the sheep could be used as the image on the Longford signage on Illawarra Road.

### **8.2 Targa**

Committee to note that at its meeting of 21 September 2015 Council refused a request from Targa to contribute financially to the 2016 event.

The Committee noted the information.

### **8.3 Ten Days on the Island**

The Committee noted that Ten Days on the Island are looking at holding an event in Longford.

[Cr Adams left the meeting at 8:02pm.](#)

### **8.4 Local District Committee process**

Mr Tubb made an enquiry about the process outlined by Miss Mason in her email to the committee of 14 September 2015. The general consensus of the committee was that the process identified in that email was correct and reflected what occurred.

Concern was raised that there are some outstanding items that have been "in progress" for a long period of time. A response needs to be given to the committee or more information provided as to their progress.

Concern was once again raised about the Browns Car Park. It was discussed that the concerns had been raised by the Committee in its advisory role to Council and the matter had been progressed and was now at an end.

[Mr Galea left the meeting at 8:14pm.](#)

### **8.5 Longford Blooms**

Ms Alty advised she had made enquiries with the Council about having wheelbarrows on the street temporarily during the Longford Blooms weekend. The documentation provided by Council to allow this is onerous. Mr Grant suggested Ms Alty liaise with Mr Duncan Payton (Planning & Development Officer) directly to resolve the issue.

### **8.6 Events in Longford**

Ms Alty enquired as to whether there was a list of events in Longford. Miss Mason advised she was in the process of compiling a non-exhaustive list of events in the Northern Midlands to the Examiner and would provide a copy to Ms Alty.

**9. NEXT MEETING:**

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

**10. CLOSURE**

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8:19 pm.

**MOTIONS OF THE LONGFORD LOCAL DISTRICT COMMITTEE  
2013-2015 TERM  
Still outstanding**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>MOVE/SECOND</b>	<b>MOTION</b>	<b>STATUS</b>
1 May 2013	Robert Henley/Dee Alty	That the priority project for the Longford LDC for the 2013/14 Budget is the rehabilitation and development of the Stokes Park precinct.	Under investigation
6 November 2013	Robert Henley/John Cauchi	That the fence line between the caravan park and Carins Park be planted with hawthorn.	To be progressed
5 February 2014	Robert Henley/Dee Alty	That the LLDC recommend that Council investigate the establishment of a visitors centre at the Longford Memorial Hall.	Council supports the trial of a centre. Volunteers required to run the same.
4 June 2014	Dee Alty / John Cauchi	The Committee recommends to Council that the system of signage in Longford be simplified and made coherent by: 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; and d) signs be grouped in like colour and font according to the category of the sign.	See items 6.1, 6.2 and 7.4.2
3 December 2014	Mr Robert Henley/Ms Dee 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.	See items 6.1 and 6.2
6 May 2015	Dee Alty/Lesley McKenzie	That the Longford Local District Committee recommends Council develop a system of standardised signage incorporating a style guide consistent with state requirements.	See items 6.1 and 6.2
6 May 2015	Mr Rein Wever/Mr Neil Tubb	The Longford Local District Committee recommends Council establish a bi-lateral agreement with State Growth for the maintenance of the appearance and condition of the roundabout and its surrounds.	Funding for development of an entrance statement to Longford is being considered in the budget. To be considered further when budget outcome known.