

MEETING OF THE LONGFORD LOCAL DISTRICT COMMITTEE HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, SMITH STREET, LONGFORD ON WEDNESDAY, 1 APRIL 2015, COMMENCING AT 7:00 PM

NOTES

There was no quorum present at the meeting, therefore an informal discussion was held.

1. PRESENT

Mr Linus Grant (Chair), Mrs Anne O'Hara, Ms Dee Alty

2. IN ATTENDANCE

Miss Amanda Mason (Secretary), Mr Des Jennings (General Manager), Mr Neil Tubb

3. APOLOGIES

Mr Harry Galea, Mr Rein Wever, Mr John Cauchi, Mrs Lesley McKenzie, Cr Dick Adams

4. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

Nil.

5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Minutes could not be confirmed due to lack of quorum

That the Minutes of the Longford Local District Committee Meeting held on 4 March 2015 be confirmed as a true record of proceedings.

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

6.1 Longford Strategic Plan

Review priority projects listed by the Longford Local District Committee and discuss.

The members present reviewed the list of priority projects that had been brainstormed and identified their top project/s. The following list was compiled:

1. Streetscape, including entrances to Longford, entrances to heritage precinct, Illawarra Road roundabout and beautification of the levee bank;
2. Maximise the use of the Halls – including purchase of equipment such as window blackouts, lighting, sound systems etc;
3. Sculpture for town;
4. Promotion of convict heritage story;
5. Linkage of Christ Church and the Village Green (committee to endorse and put forward to Council when the time comes)

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

7.1 Infrastructure Sub-Committee Report

Nil.

7.2 Tourism Heritage & Culture Sub-Committee Report

7.2.1 Visitor Information Hut

Committee to discuss information hut signs and information board.

Panel 1: remove reference to skulduggery, remove dates (but leave in photos).

Ms Dee Alty to arrange photos next week.

Road between Cressy Road and Marlborough Street needs to be marked.

Panel 2: OK.

7.2.2 Wifi in Longford

Noted there is a reception shadow at the Memorial Hall. 1 hour limit. Council assessing who major users are.

7.2.3 Visitor Information Centre

Meeting with Sarah Lebski to be rescheduled to after Easter (looking at week beginning 13th April). Date to be confirmed.

Noted, Council received the Visitor Information Centre Report from Ms Alty. The Visitor Information Centre Report prepared by Ms Alty is being reviewed by Consultant Sarah Lebski who has expertise in the area. Longford Local District Committee to discuss Visitor Information Centre Report with Mrs Lebski. Ultimately, Report to be presented to Council to make a determination on whether to proceed with the project.

Ms Alty enquired as to whether or not she will have the opportunity to present to Council on her report and was advised that opportunity could be arranged.

7.3 Economic Development Sub-Committee Report

Nil.

7.4 Longford Planning Applications

Nil.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

8.1 Previous motions of the Longford Local District Committee

Committee to discuss list of outstanding motions from previous committee.

The Committee reviewed the list circulated of motions from previous term and identified the following that are outstanding:

1. Rehabilitation and development of Stokes Park precinct. This is an ongoing project for Council to pursue.
2. Fence line between the caravan park and Carins Park be planted with hawthorn. This has not occurred, need to ensure on the works program.
3. Signage study for Longford. Study has been completed, recommendation made by the Committee to Council. Signage also being looked at as part of the Visitor Appeal Study.
[Miss Mason to check on status of progress of standardising signs.](#)
4. Traffic study for Longford – to be considered in the 2015/16 budget deliberations.
5. Visitor Information Centre – report prepared by Ms Alty.

It was noted that some of the trees that have been planted in the Main Street have died.

8.2 Visitor Appeal Study

Draft received, draft to go to Council to be received in principle, once this occurs will be circulated to Committee to review.

9. NEXT MEETING:

Next meeting to be held at the Council Chambers, Longford on **6 May 2015**.

10. CLOSURE

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8:07 pm.

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

DATE	MOVE/SECOND	MOTION	STATUS
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.	To be progressed
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
5th February 2014	Robert Henley/Dee Alty	That the LLDC recommend that Council investigate the establishment of a visitors centre at the Longford Memorial Hall.	Matter being investigated through report prepared by Dee Alty
4 June 2014	Dee Alty / Vanessa 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.	Matter being investigated through report prepared by Dee Alty
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.	Signage study conducted Review of signage also being conducted in Longford Visitor Appeal Study
6 August 2014	Dee Alty / Robert 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.	Investigation of possibility of traffic study in NM towns in progress
3 December 2014	Mr Robert Henley/Mr John Cauchi	The Longford Local District Committee recommends to the incoming committee that a Tourism Committee and a standalone Visitor Information Centre are of critical importance to Longford.	Matter being investigated through report prepared by Dee Alty
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.	Signage being reviewed as part of the Longford Visitor Appeal Study