

## MINUTES

MEETING OF THE LONGFORD LOCAL DISTRICT COMMITTEE HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, SMITH STREET, LONGFORD ON WEDNESDAY, 11 MAY 2016, COMMENCING AT 5:34 PM

### 1. PRESENT

Mr Linus Grant, Ms Dee Alty, Mr John Cauchi, Mrs Lesley McKenzie, Mr Neil Tubb

### 2. IN ATTENDANCE

Cr Dick Adams, Mr Des Jennings (General Manager), Miss Amanda Mason (Governance & Community Development Officer), Mr Michael Salhani (Guest)

### 3. APOLOGIES

Ms Sharin McCarthy

### 4. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

Nil declared.

### 5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

*Ms Dee Alty/Mr John Cauchi*

That the Minutes of the Longford Local District Committee Meeting held on 2 March 2016 be confirmed as a true record of proceedings.

Carried unanimously

The Committee noted the notes taken at the informal meeting in April.

### 6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

#### 6.1 Longford Placemaking Strategy/Visitor Appeal Study Activation Plan

Mrs Anna Coxen is progressing meetings with the activation teams to implement initiatives from the plan. Projects underway include:

- Town map
- Longford branding
- Fairy lights in street trees
- Planter boxes in front of businesses

#### 6.2 Promotion of Longford Racing History

Committee to note Council does not have a record of the content of the sign that was erected in the now Brown's Carpark, other than one photo that was located, but the writing is not legible.

Ms Alty reported that Targa Tasmania have the artwork.

#### Action

Miss Mason to contact Targa and request.

### **6.3 Illawarra Road signage**

Awaiting costing on proposed Information Sign for Illawarra Road.

## **7. GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **7.1 Longford Planning Applications**

P16-018 – 7-21 Paton Street, Longford

P16-087 – Victoria Square, Wellington Street, Longford

Enquiry was made in respect to planning for Longford in the future. Mr Jennings reported that Council is investigating the development of a land use strategy for the entire municipality which will incorporate future planning.

It was noted there are current changes before Council (to be considered at the Council meeting on 16 May 2016) for amendments to the Heritage Code in the Northern Midlands Interim Planning Scheme.

### **7.2 Nominations – Longford Local District Committee**

Committee to note that the term of the committee expires in June 2016. Nominations are now open. Nominations close on 8 June 2016.

### **7.3 Traffic studies**

It was noted the issue of Traffic Studies will be discussed under item 7.4, Strategic Plan.

### **7.4 Longford Strategic Plan**

Mr Salhani reported that he has commenced writing a strategic plan for Longford at the combined request for the Longford Local District Committee and the Longford Business & Tourism Association. The focus of the plan is to review current land use in Longford and make recommendations to Council for consideration in the 2016/17 budget year. Mr Salhani provided a summary of the strategic projects for consideration – refer item 7.5 below and attached document.

### **7.5 Projects for inclusion in 2016/17 budget**

- Longford motor racing circuit historical stone markers;
- Longford lookout development;
- Longford Mill Dam conservancy plan;
- Longford heritage building preservation fund; and
- Longford IGA traffic management feasibility study.

Mr Grant thanked Mr Salhani for his report and contribution.

Mr Grant suggested the committee consider the proposed items and prioritise for submission to Council.

***Ms Dee Alty/Mrs Lesley McKenzie***

The Longford Local District Committee requests as a matter of priority, the Northern Midlands Council and Department of State Growth conduct a feasibility study to determine alternate one-way vehicular exit from Browns Shopping complex via Union Street to Tannery Road, or an alternative route considered suitable.

Carried unanimously

***Mr John Cauchi/Mr Neil Tubb***

The Longford Local District Committee requests the Northern Midlands Council investigate the following projects through the Longford CBD strategy:

- A lookout for Longford;
- Longford motor racing circuit historical stone markers;
- Mill Dam conservancy plan.

Carried unanimously

***Ms Dee Alty/Mr John Cauchi***

That Council notes the suggestion of investigating a heritage building preservation fund for future budgetary considerations.

Carried unanimously

## **7.6 CBD Strategy**

Mr Jennings reported that Lange Design & Loop Architecture have been engaged to commence design work for improvements to the CBD area. Mr Jennings further reported he has approached local businesses with the proposal to design modular parklets to create outdoor dining along the main street, with very positive feedback being received. It was noted the parklets will not impact traffic flow, may effect speed requirements.

It was noted that any designs for the CBD will be displayed for public input. The parklet designs will only be discussed between Council and the business owners, noting planning approvals most likely to be required for their development.

It was noted by the Committee that linking the Christ Church with the Village Green would be covered in the CBD Strategy and requested this be given priority.

## **7.7 Fence at Carins Park**

An update on the progress of the fence at Carins Park was requested.

**Action**

Miss Mason to request update.

## **8. NEXT MEETING**

Next meeting to be held at the Council Chambers, Longford on **1 June 2016**.

## **9. CLOSURE**

The Chairman closed the meeting at 6:32 pm.