

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LONGFORD LOCAL DISTRICT COMMITTEE HELD
ON 31 JANUARY 2018 AT THE LONGFORD COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT 5.00 PM**

1. **PRESENT:** Linus Grant (Chair) Dee Alty, Neil Tubb, Terry Goldsworthy, Donna Bain, Tim Flanagan
2. **IN ATTENDANCE:** Councillor Dick Adams,
3. **APOLOGIES** Stefan Apostol, Lesley McKenzie (extended sick leave), John Cauci
4. **DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**
Nil declared
5. Welcome to new members, Donna Bain and Dr Tim Flanagan

6. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

“That the minutes of the meeting on November 21 2017 be a true and correct record.” Dee Alty/Terry Goldsworthy CARRIED

7. STANDING ORDERS SUSPENDED TO HEAR FROM CONSULTANTS JMG

JMG were engaged to review the Draft Northern Tasmania Regional Land Use Framework and produce the Regional Land Use Strategy.

This project involves a significant amount of policy development and synthesis of a wide array of issues and information in order to produce the final document. This included a substantial amount of demographic projections that were used to inform specific policies relating to future land release. The final document will provide the foundation for NMC input into the Tasmanian Statewide Planning Scheme and a revised long-term strategic direction.

The two presenters, Frances Beasley and Matt Clark ,are undertaking the consultations. The workshops are scheduled for April and the project is expected to be finished by August 2018. Frances contact details are: 036231 2555, fbeasley@jmg.net.au .

Issues raised with the consultants were:

- Concerns about minimum lot size in Longford as being too small. (Too many units on small blocks)
- Rural resource zones, which included rural zone and agricultural zones, need to be clarified for desired character statements.

- Specific plan for the town should include not only service aspects, but tourism and heritage.
- Good town for older people's living – so infrastructure should be able to reflect that.
- Open spaces, particularly historic ones such as racecourse, showground, men's shed and village green should be protected from unsuitable development. E.g the Longford Cup is one of Longford's major events, and has been for over 150 years.
- More should be made of the river access and opportunities especially for tourism and recreation areas.
- Heritage area, as currently designated, leaves out many important historic areas of Longford. For example, the boundary for Marlborough St should be extended to the Racecourse Inn corner.
- Movement of heavy vehicles through the town need to be reduced as they affect lifestyle.
- Longford town being constricted at each end by industrial sites – need to work out where the town's future expansion area is.
- All the studies that have gone before this latest one (eg 2012 Pitt and Sherry Report) should be considered as part of the character of the town.

The consultants said they would be happy to hear further from members of the committee and details are provided earlier. (See attachment)

8. STANDING ORDERS WERE RESUMED AND OTHER BUSINESS CONSIDERED

8.1 BUSINESS DEFERRED FROM NOVEMBER 2017 MEETING

The meeting resolved to consider outstanding items at the February meeting.

8.2 Urban Design Strategy: It was agreed Council should be reminded of the extensive community work that had been put into this study and the expectations that results would flow from that work. Also, that recommendations from these studies, including the redevelopment of the Memorial Hall, should be included in the next budget considerations.

8.3 Councillor Adams reported on the costs of the picnic tables and the lights of the Village Green Christmas tree. The committee queried why items such as the picnic tables could not be sourced locally.

- 8.4** Councillor Adams also sought support from the committee for the Council to encourage a branch of the Bendigo Bank to be located in Longford given the closure of the ANZ branch.
- 8.5** Clarification had been sought from Council about a report in the latest edition of the Courier that the Memorial Hall on the Village Green would become the meeting place for members of the Masonic Lodge. The chairman reported he had asked council whether this was accurate and had been informed the hall remained closed until floor repairs were completed and, once re-opened, it would be available to community groups.
- 9.0** The meeting concluded at 6.40 pm

The next meeting : February TBA