

NORTHERN MIDLANDS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD MONDAY JUNE 1ST 2015 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS STARTING AT 3PM

1. **Present:** Michael Salhani (Chair), David Gatenby, Councillor Mary Knowles, Russell Fyfe, Michael Geeves, Kevin Turner
2. **Apologies:** Councillor Ian Goninon, Robert Harrison, Fiona Dewar, Des Jennings, Duncan Payton, Councillor Dick Adams
3. **In Attendance:** Councillor Michael Polley, Linus Grant, Lorraine Green
4. **Confirmation of the Record of the Previous Meeting** - It was resolved the Minutes of the May 5th 2015 Meeting were a true and accurate record of the Meeting.

The Priority Initiatives Framework held below was worked through and updated.

PRIORITY INITIATIVES	STATUS as of June 1st 2015	THE WAY FORWARD
1.The Translink Precinct		
1.1.Translink stormwater and Translink Avenue missing link	It was noted that this project is being scoped as the preferred project for the second round of the National Stronger Regions Funding Program	
2.Powranna/ Burlington Road		
2.1.Council develop site development plans for the two precincts, seek to secure funding for the sealing of Burlington Road & attract new businesses to the precincts	<p>Noted that Council adopted the Northern Midlands Rural Processing Centre Report, prepared by SGS Economic and Planning, at the February 2015 Meeting</p> <p>Noted that K Turner and D Payton have met with DPIWE rep to informally discuss the future status of the research farm; with the outcome being that the Department has plans for the farm well into the foreseeable future.</p> <p>The March 30th 2015 meeting discussed the need for parcels of land –(up to 5 hectares) to be available in the vicinity of the research farm for ready sale and development, and recommended to Council that Council explore opportunities with the State Government and relevant private landowners for site specific plan development at the western end of Burlington Road, including the Cressy Research Farm.</p>	<p>Council noted and endorsed the following 2 recommendations at the May 18th 2015 Council Meeting:</p> <p>That Council write to the Minister for Primary Industries and Water to outline Council’s vision for the development of a Rural Processing Centre at the western end of Burlington Road, and request the Minister give consideration to approving the inclusion of Cressy Research Farm land in this Centre.</p> <p>That Council write to landowners adjoining the western end of Burlington Road to outline Council’s vision for the development of a Rural Processing Centre at the western end of Burlington Road and request the landowners give consideration to making land available for inclusion in the Centre.</p> <p>Update on above awaited from D Payton</p>
3.Support existing NM businesses/eco nomic drivers		

3.1. Symmons Plains		R Harrison to contact Dick Caplice GM Motorsports re making a presentation to the committee on the future vision for the Symmons Plains Racing Precinct
4. Heritage Tourism		
4.1. Longford Visitor Appeal Study	Noted that the consultant is presenting his report to Council at the June 1 st Council Workshop	Request that Council prepare a copy of the report to the Committee Chair and Longford District Committee Chair
4.2. Offering owners of heritage buildings a rate rebate on the condition that they open their property for public visitation one day/weekend annually.	<p>Noted that Council made a submission re the proposed Open Door Program for private heritage listed properties on behalf of the ED Committee to the Legislative Council Inquiry into Built Heritage Tourism</p> <p>Noted at the March 3rd 2015 meeting that Matt Smithies, National Trust Managing Director, has submitted a draft MOU between National Trust and Council relating to the proposed private heritage properties 'Open Door' Program</p>	<p>LGreen to provide summary of presentation to Legislative Inquiry into Built Heritage Tourism on the private heritage properties 'Open Doors' proposal.</p> <p>D Gatenby to ascertain the success of the Southern Open Doors Program</p>
4.3. Celebrating Longford's motor racing history	<p>Council has registered the business name 'Longford Revival Festival'</p> <p>M Salhani and L Green met with J Talbot to discuss the proposed establishment of a Longford Motor Racing Historic Society/Group.</p>	<p>Noted that a response is awaited from John Talbot re the establishment of the Longford Motor Racing Historic Society.</p> <p>Noted that the debrief on the 2015 Revival Festival was held May 11th. And that Opcon reps are to meet with Council reps to discuss the registration of the business name and future festival modelling.</p>
4.4. Leveraging off the Woolmers- Brickendon World Heritage Listing		Noted that the linkage between the two estates and Longford is addressed in the Longford Visitor Appeal Study Report.
5. Northern Midlands Economic Development and Tourism Strategy	Noted that at the February 16 th 2015 Council Meeting, Council passed motion: "That Council obtain costings to conduct an Economic Development and Tourism Strategy in 2015/16 budget deliberations"	K Turner proposed the committee consider developing a basic economic development strategy internally if the securing of funding for the external development of the strategy is delayed.
6. Other		
6.1. Tyre Recycling Facility	<p>Duncan Payton reported at the November 24th 2014 meeting that three developers have shown interest in establishing tyre recycling facilities – no firm proposals yet from any of the developers.</p> <p>Discussion at the February 2nd 2015 meeting as to whether any tyre recycling facility can be commercially viable i.e. is a private solution viable?</p> <p>Recommendation to Council in February 2105 - : that the Committee advises Council this the tyre recycling facility is a waste and environmental issue and on that basis Council should approach the state government. D Jennings reported at the March 3rd 2015 meeting that he has discussed the issue with</p>	<p>Chair tabled 'Assessment of Council's Planning Permit P13-199</p> <p>Recommendation to Council: That Council consider adopting Option Two as per the 'Assessment of Northern Midlands Council's Planning Permit P13-199, 437 Woolmers Lane, Longford, for the 'Temporary Storage of Scrap Tyres</p>

	<p>the State Growth Coordinator General, Senator Abetz and Eric Hutchinson, and is continuing to progress the matter</p> <p>Jim Hole, Manager Eldan Recycling (worldwide suppliers of recycling equipment) presented to the may 5th meeting on the company's tyre recycling equipment.</p> <p>Recommendation to Council from the March 30th 2015 meeting: That Council request the State Government identify the sites of tyre dumps statewide, and the quantities of tyres within each dump. Noted that the Tasmanian Conservation Trust has a website where the location of car tyre dumps can be recorded and donations made to enable dumped tyres to be recycled: www.tastyrecleanup.com.</p>	<p>(Recycling and Waste Disposal)' Report, and that this matter be considered in Closed Council, and the decision disclosed to this Committee in confidence.</p> <p>Noted D Jennings And D Payton are inspecting tyre recycling facilities on the mainland this week.</p> <p>Noted GM has offered committee members an opportunity to inspect the tyre storage site.</p> <p>Action: K Turner will schedule a presentation at a future meeting by the City Mission on their plastic recycling social enterprise venture.</p>
6.2.Council Priority Projects	<p>Briefing paper ' Snow Driven Economic Growth' tabled and reviewed at committee's October 2014 meeting. Des provided a report at the November 24th 2014 meeting on the progress being made with securing funding partners for the project brief. Committee notes that at the January 19th 2015 Council Meeting, Council committed \$4,000 to the Ben Lomond economic growth feasibility study – giving a total budget of \$20,000: the project will now proceed.</p>	<p>Noted that expressions of interest closed May 22nd. Assessment panel to review EOIs June 5th</p>
6.3.Economic Development budget	<p>\$4,582 of the \$30,000 economic development allocation was expended in 2013/2014: (\$3,772 on the Translink TV promotional campaign and \$810 on the Translink prospectus). The balance - \$25,418 has been carried over into 2014/2015. Committee recommends up to \$3,000 be allocated towards the Northern Midlands Rural Enterprise Precinct project – remaining balance \$22,418.</p>	
6.4.Equestrian opportunities	<p>M Salhani met with Sandra Butorac, new President Equestrian Tasmania, to explore opportunities for more state events in the Northern Midlands. M Salhani and L Green met with Michael Morris, Longford Equine Centre. Also met at showgrounds with Sandra Butorac, Susan Elliot (Northern Tas Quarter Horse Association) and Sallee Cauchi (Longford Show Society).</p>	<p>Noted that at the March 16th 2015 Council meeting, Council approved an allocation of up to \$2,000 for review of the proposed horse trails, and that Landscape Consultant Jeff McClintock has agreed to undertake this study starting August 2015.</p>
6.8. Truck Wash, Powranna	<p>This was an agenda item at Council's May 18th 2015 meeting</p>	<p>Committee noted Council's decision and supported the decision unanimously</p>

Meeting closed: 4.45pm

Future meeting dates for 2015:

**Tuesday July 7th, Monday August 3th, Tuesday September 1st, Monday October 5th, Tuesday November 3th,
Monday December 7th all meetings at the council chambers starting at 3pm (Council Chambers booked for these meetings)**

Information Items:

- Launceston Airport and Translink Precinct Master Plan including investigation of a rail hub at Western Junction

- Voluntary committee members R Harrison, M Salhani, R Fyfe and M Geeves have registered as volunteers with the Council: effective until November 2015.

Completed Projects:

Business healthy checks

Pending projects

Translink boundary signage

Translink stormwater issues

NBN Rollout

Perth Bypass

Panshanger Road/ Woolmers Lane precinct

Big Cow Plan for the Midlands

Consultation with NM businesses