

MINUTES

MEETING OF THE LONGFORD LOCAL DISTRICT COMMITTEE HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, SMITH STREET, LONGFORD ON WEDNESDAY, 3 FEBRUARY 2016, COMMENCING AT 7:00 PM

1. PRESENT

Mr Linus Grant, Mr John Cauchi, Ms Dee Alty, Mrs Sharin McCarthy, Mr Neil Tubb, Mrs Lesley McKenzie (7:03pm)

2. IN ATTENDANCE

Cr Dick Adams, Mr Des Jennings (General Manager), Miss Amanda Mason (Executive Officer)

3. APOLOGIES

Nil.

4. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

Nil.

5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Ms Dee Alty/Mr John Cauchi

That the minutes of the meeting of the Longford Local District Committee of 20 January 2016 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

Carried unanimously

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

6.1 Signage

Council's signage committee met on Tuesday, 3 November 2015 and signage on Illawarra Road was listed for discussion. The attached sign has been provided to State Roads for approval, replacing the current brown signs that are bent and faded (refer to signage report). State Roads are to propose suitable locations – awaiting response.

Enquiry was made as to whether or not Council has a Signage Code. It was noted there are provisions in the Planning Scheme for signage and there are some policies for signage. It has been raised by Councillor Adams that a Signage Code be looked at by the Signage Committee.

6.2 Heritage

Ms Alty enquired in the November meeting if there is a statewide heritage planning scheme. The proposed Tasmanian Planning Scheme, State Planning Provisions include a Local Historic Heritage Code. The draft State Provisions are expected to be on public exhibition in February.

Action

Miss Mason to notify the Committee when Local Heritage Code is available.

6.3 Longford Placemaking Strategy/Visitor Appeal Study Activation Plan

The Committee to note Council is advertising for a Project Champion to coordinate and lead the implementation of the Activation Plan.

Mr Grant invited the General Manager to provide an update on the Visitor Appeal Study Activation Plan.

- Council considered the report at the January Council meeting and adopted it in principle and authorised the appointment of a Project Champion.
- That position has been advertised.
- Once the Project Champion is appointed the Activation Groups can come together to prioritise the recommendations in the Strategy. Noting that not all recommendations may be supported.
- The three groups will communicate with the Longford Local District Committee and the Longford Business & Tourism Association (noting some members sit on more than one of these committees/groups), to seek their input/feedback.
- The focus is on page 28 of the Strategy and the “early wins” that can be achieved.
- Once the recommendations have been prioritised this will be reported to Council for approval.
- The appointment of the Project Champion will be based on the job specification prepared by Council’s HR department, and the usual process for employment of a staff member will be followed.

The Committee noted the information provided by Mr Jennings.

It was suggested Mr Jennings speak to the Longford Business & Tourism Association to relay the information provided above.

Actions

[Ms Alty to invite Mr Jennings to address the Longford Business & Tourism Association.](#)

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

7.1 Longford Planning Applications

Nil.

7.2 Destination Play Space

Committee to note the decision of Council of 18 January 2016:

[That Council allocate \\$250,000 for Stage 1 of the Kompan Icon Play Space and Contemporary Playground to be installed on Longford Village Green in 2016/17 and the balance of the allocation to be considered as part of the 2017/18 budget deliberations.](#)

It was noted the above is a decision of Council and this project was pursued as a project suggested through the Longford Visitor Appeal Study.

7.3 Promotion of Longford Motor Racing History

Committee to note that Miss Mason was contacted late in 2015 regarding creation of a storyboard on Illawarra Road regarding Longford's racing history. Committee to discuss.

Action

Miss Mason to make enquiries as to where existing Motor Racing History Board previously located at the Brown's carpark is, and follow up with interested resident.

7.4 Meeting agenda for 2016

3 February
2 March
6 April
4 May
1 June
6 July
3 August
7 September
5 October
2 November
7 December

The Committee endorsed the above meeting schedule and resolved to meet at 5:30pm.

7.5 Longford Equestrian Association

Committee to note the Longford Equestrian Association has been formed and is intending to bring a major equestrian event to Longford this year.

7.6 Traffic Study

The Committee discussed the Traffic Study prepared by MRCagney and noted the following items that were not addressed:

- Proposed change in the speed limit of Wellington St from 60 km/hr to 50 km/hr.
- An identified truck route through Longford.
- A load limit for Woolmers Lane.

Ms Dee Alty/Mr John Cauchi

That the Longford Local District Committee has expressed its dissatisfaction with the report by MRCagney in that it did not properly address all of the traffic issues identified by the Longford Local District Committee regarding the amenity of the town in not recommending any changes and the committee will make further recommendations to Council.

Carried unanimously

8. NEXT MEETING:

Next meeting to be held at the Council Chambers, Longford on **2 March 2016 at 5:30pm.**

9. CLOSURE

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8:15 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.	Council decision: Min Ref 266/15 That i) management meet with Mr Stokes to discuss the concept plan. li) management be authorised to seek comment on the previously prepared concept plans for Stokes Park. lii) the comments received by used as a basis for amending the concept plans and then presented to Council at a Workshop. Iv) the horse trail be considered as part of the concept plans.
6 November 2013	Robert Henley/John Cauchi	That the fence line between the caravan park and Carins Park be planted with hawthorn.	On the works schedule to be fenced in March
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.	Discussions have been had with State Growth and agreed to remove the faded and bent brown signs and replaced with one information sign on a site to be determined by State Growth
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.	No changes required
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.	Referred to Council signage committee
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.	Discussions with State Growth regarding entrance to Longford in progress