

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LONGFORD LOCAL DISTRICT COMMITTEE HELD ON 21 MARCH 2018 AT THE LONGFORD COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT 5.00 PM

1. **PRESENT:** Linus Grant (Chair) Dee Alty, Terry Goldsworthy, Donna Bain,
2. **IN ATTENDANCE:** Councillor Dick Adams
3. **APOLOGIES** Stefan Apostol, Lesley McKenzie (extended sick leave), John Cauci, Dr Tim Flanagan. Neil Tubb

4. **DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

Nil declared

5. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

“That the minutes of the meeting on February 22, 2018 be a true and correct record.” Dee Alty/Donna Bain (to be confirmed next meeting) because there was not a quorum present. Therefore these notes are in place of minutes.

6. **BUSINESS ARISING**

6.1.1 CommuniTree project – Cr Adams reported on the inspection of the West Lewis Street Pak with Neil. They confirmed it would be an ideal site for a tree project and would be an asset for the community. The Committee agreed that Neil should continue the liaison with Megan Dean to move the idea forward.

6.2.1 Tree plantings – There are three street tree matters before the committee, namely:

- Longford main street tree planting report, the guidelines were discussed and supported in principle, providing trees are not placed in front of historical buildings in the heritage area as per heritage planning law.
- Smith Street proposed centre strip plantings – mixed reactions being received from the public, some concerns about street width for centre plantings, Des Jennings be asked for comments received by Council.
- New Council carpark landscape planning conditions – query as to what is proposed to be planted around council car park after discussion with representers on the planning approval ad landscape provisions.
- It was also pointed out that with the tree planting program that the LLDC felt that there were other budget priorities that the Committee felt were more pressing than the Smith Street and other proposals for this year’s budget.

It was resolved that the general manager, Mr Jennings, to be asked to address these questions.

6.2.2 Signs

It was resolved that the Committee ask council whether it has advised all Longford community groups such as the RSL and Rotary, churches and schools of the signboards, how to use them and details of the contact person as per the last minutes. It was also suggested such information be included in the Examiner and the Courier.

Resolved: That council advise the LLDC what action has been taken.

6.4 Floods storyboard

A copy of the flood story board was forwarded to Dee Alty but not to the Committee. The committee asked that advice from Rotary be sought and that Tim Flanagan may wish to report to committee.

6.5 Seasonal Labour.

Resolved: That the committee request a briefing from council on the matter.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

7.1 Railway Bridge – the Longford Railway Bridge will be 150 years old in 2021. The Committee resolved that it was happy to establish a subcommittee, and that they would co-opt local railway enthusiasts to assist. It would also like to know what resources are available for this event. Membership be deferred till full committee in place.

7.2 Promotion of Longford. Several members expressed concern about the level of promotion of local festivals and events as well as the wider aspect of Longford itself and what it offered tourists.

Resolved: That the committee requests the General Manager to attend the next meeting to advise on Council's strategy for the promotion of Longford and the resources employed to implement it.

7.3 Animals in the town. Councillor Adams reported on animals in the town where there have been complaints. There are different expectations by residents. The Committee asked what happened to the bylaw.
It resolved that the General Manager be asked.

8. NEXT MEETING

The Chairman asked that all members be circulated to see which Wednesday in the month when everyone can attend.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 6.05pm. The next meeting will be advised following advice from committee members.