

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LONGFORD LOCAL DISTRICT COMMITTEE HELD ON 22 FEBRUARY 2018 AT THE LONGFORD COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT 5.00 PM

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

5. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

“That the minutes of the meeting on January 31, 2018 be a true and correct record.” Dee Alty/Donna Bain CARRIED

6. **BUSINESS ARISING**

6.1 **CommuniTree project** – Cr Adams and Neil Tubb will inspect prospective sites on Tuesday , Feb 27 and report back to the committee.

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

- Longford main street tree planting report
- Smith Street proposed centre strip plantings
- New Council carpark landscape planning conditions

The general manager, Mr Jennings, has written to the LLDC , seeking its views on the Smith St concept.

Action: All of the above three matters to be discussed at March meeting.

6.3 **Signs**

Neil Tubb reported that the two promotional sign boards on Illawarra Road were operating and the guidelines for use now have the correct sign sizes listed. After discussion the committee decided it would 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 and, if not, to please do so. 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

The Chairman reported that the concept of a Longford flood history storyboard and evacuation directions sign, as proposed by Dr Flanagan on behalf of Longford Rotary Club. was being designed by Think Big Printing and would come back to the committee for consideration. The sign has been earmarked for the village green.

6.5 Chamber festival. Members were told that the Tasmanian Chamber festival is scheduled to be held in October at Woolmers and Christ Church, Longford. John Cauchi reports that tickets are getting scarce and are available through tasmusicfestival.com.au.

6.6 Berry pickers. A reported shortage of accommodation for seasonal workers in and around Longford was noted. After discussion the Committee decided to ask Council whether it has a role in helping find accommodation for local businesses requiring seasonal labour. The committee noted the benefits seasonal workers bring to local business.

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. . Council has asked that the LLDC consider establishing a sub-committee to organise a celebratory event or identify a commemorative project. After positive discussion it was agreed to consider the matter in more detail at the March meeting.

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. It was felt that a sub-committee, similar to that proposed for the railway bridge, could be valuable in helping council in this role.

7.3

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.

8. NEXT MEETING

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 6.05pm. The next meeting will be held on **Thursday, March 22 at 5pm at the Council Chambers.**