

## MINUTES

THE MEETING OF THE LONGFORD LOCAL DISTRICT COMMITTEE HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, LONGFORD ON WEDNESDAY, 5 DECEMBER 2018 COMMENCING AT 5:00PM

### 1 PRESENT

Mr Neil Tubb (Chairperson), Ms Dee Alty, Ms Kathy Farr, Mr Len Langan, Mr Dennis Pettyfor, Ms Terry Goldsworthy, Dr Tim Flanagan, Mrs Inga Apostol

### 2 IN ATTENDANCE

Mayor Mary Knowles, Cr Dick Adams, Cr Matthew Brooks, Miss Lucie Copas (NMC)

### 3 APOLOGIES

Nil

### 4 DECLARATION OF ANY PECUNIARY INTEREST BY A MEMBER OF A SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL

In accordance with the provisions of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Part 5, S48A – S56, a member of a Special Committee must not participate in any discussion or vote on any matter in respect to which the member:

- a) has an interest; or
- b) is aware or ought to be aware that a close associate has an interest.

A member has an interest in a matter if the matter was decided in a particular manner, receive or have an expectation of receiving or likely to receive a pecuniary benefit or pecuniary detriment.

*\*It should be noted that any person declaring an interest is required to notify the General Manager, in writing, of the details of any interest declared within 7 days of the declaration.*

Nil declared

### 5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

***Mr Len Langan/ Ms Terry Goldsworthy***

*That the minutes of the meeting of the Longford Local District Committee held on **Wednesday, 3 October 2018** be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.*

*Carried unanimously*

### 6 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

#### **6.1 Federal Election Priorities**

Committee to provide update from workshop.

The committee will continue to consider and discuss upcoming election promises.

## **6.2 Longford Memorial Hall**

Committee to provide update from workshop.

The committee will provide further feedback and thought on how they wish to see the Memorial Hall utilised.

## **6.3 Railway Bridge Sesquicentennial**

Committee to provide update from workshop.

Cr Adams advised that a meeting at the end of January has been arranged.

## **6.4 Levee Banks**

Use of the levee banks to be further investigated.

General discussion was held regarding the proposal. There have been previous reports promoting the levee banks as an ideal walking track. Comparison was made with regard to City of Launceston and it's walking tracks along the Seaport. Discussion was also held regarding potential funding opportunities.

Further investigation is required.

***Dr Tim Flanagan/ Mrs Inga Apostol***

*Expedite public access to the levee banks by consulting other Councils.*

*Carried unanimously*

## **6.5 Northern Midlands Land Use Strategy 2018- 2038**

Committee to provide update from workshop.

Ms Alty tabled a paper with comments and feedback. General discussion was held regarding the Northern Midlands Land Use Strategy 2018- 2038. The committee raised the importance with keeping with the heritage impression of the region and having a consistent feel.

Miss Copas to forward paper onto Councillors as information.

***Ms Dee Alty/ Mr Len Langan***

*That the paper tabled go to Council for information.*

*Carried unanimously*

## **6.6 2019 Volunteer & Australia Day Nominations**

Nomination forms are due back **Friday 7 December** and are available online or can be posted at request.

Please contact Miss Copas for further information or assistance.

Deferred to February meeting.

## **6.7 Keep Australia Beautiful Awards**

Committee to provide update from workshop.

Deferred to February meeting.

## **7 NEW BUSINESS**

### **7.1 Festival of Small Halls 2019**

Northern Midlands Council is once again hosting the Festival of Small Halls in Longford at the Longford Town Hall on Wednesday 9 January 2018.

The Festival of Small Halls is a unique touring concept showcasing Australia's best folk and contemporary music. Produced by Woodfordia Inc in partnership with many other wonderful Australian festivals, regional partners and great lovers and supporters of folk and contemporary acoustic music.

Tickets are available directly through Council office and also available online. Link to be circulated with agenda. Please see Miss Copas for further information.

Deferred to February meeting.

### **7.2 Council Christmas Closure**

Council Office will be closed from Monday 24<sup>th</sup> of December for the Christmas break and will reopen on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> of January 2019.

Deferred to February meeting.

### **7.3 2019 Meeting Dates**

The following dates have been for 2019 meetings:

February 6

March 6

April 3

May 1

June 5

July 3

August 7

September 4

October 2

November 6

December 4

Deferred to February meeting.

#### **7.4 Safer crossing to the Library from Church park**

Committee to discuss.

General discussion was held regarding installation of a safer crossing from the Anglican Church grounds to the Library on Wellington Street.

***Ms Dee Alty/ Mrs Inga Apostal***

*That this Committee asks the Council to write to the State Government seeking a safer road crossing between the Anglican Church grounds and the Longford Library.*

#### **7.5 Opening hours of Library, Saturday morning opening and more hours**

Committee to discuss.

The committee has requested that Council contact the State Government to request extended opening hours of the Longford Library.

***Ms Dee Alty / Ms Terry Goldsworthy***

*That this Committee asks the Council if they would be prepared to write to the State Government requesting that the Library hours be extended to allow families to visit together on Saturday mornings.*

#### **7.6 Rubbish and rubbish disposal around the towns – “no more plastics” strategy**

Committee to discuss.

General discussion was held regarding the national issue of reducing plastic waste. Discussion was held regarding what Council can do to reduce it. It was resolved that Local Government is limited with their ability to assist in the reduction of plastics waste without State and Federal support.

***Ms Katy Farr/ Ms Dee Alty***

*That this committee advised the Council that Longford residents are keen to help in minimizing the amount of plastic that goes into the rubbish stream. Could they please advise of any strategy or policy that exists or may be developed to assist this.*

#### **7.7 Introduction of some free vouchers for the waste transfer station for ratepayers each year, especially for those who initiate cleanups along country roads**

Committee to discuss.

General discussion was held regarding Council supplying rate payers with free entry vouchers to Council operated Waste Transfer Stations on a yearly basis.

***Ms Terry Goldsworthy/ Mr Len Langan***

*That this committee asks the Council whether they would consider issuing rate payers no more than 3 free vouchers per year for disposing of rubbish in order to encourage everyone to be responsible with their rubbish disposal.*

**7.8 Flood sign at new Woolmers bridge**

Committee to discuss.

Deferred to February meeting.

**7.9 Disability access to public transport**

Discussion was held regarding a resident who recently approached the committee to relay their concerns regarding limited disability access to public transport. General discussion was held regarding all accessible public transport options in the Northern Midlands.

It was resolved that Tim, Kathy and Inga would investigate further and provide an update when available.

**8 CLOSURE**

Chairperson closed meeting at **6:23pm**.

Next meeting to be held on **6 February 2019** at the Council Chambers, Longford.