

MINUTES

THE MEETING OF THE LONGFORD LOCAL DISTRICT COMMITTEE HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, LONGFORD ON WEDNESDAY, 6 FEBRUARY 2019 COMMENCING AT 5:00PM

1 PRESENT

Mr Neil Tubb (Chairperson), Ms Dee Alty, Mr Dennis Pettyfor, Ms Terry Goldsworthy, Dr Tim Flanagan, Mrs Joanne Clarke, Mr Gary Catchlove - Owen

2 IN ATTENDANCE

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

3 APOLOGIES

Ms Kathy Farr, Mr Len Langan, Mrs Inga Apostol

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

Ms Terry Goldsworthy/ Ms Dee Alty

*That the minutes of the meeting of the Longford Local District Committee held on **Wednesday, 5 December 2018** be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.*

Carried unanimously

6 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

6.1 Railway Bridge Sesquicentennial 2021

Cr Adams to provide an update on scheduled meeting.

Cr Adams gave a brief update and advised that a meeting is to be held on Wednesday 13 February at Council Chambers to further discuss the upcoming anniversary.

6.2 Levee Banks

Council Officers continue to investigate future use of the Levee Banks and will provide an update when available.

Council at its 21 January 2019 meeting resolved the following:

DECISION

Cr Goss/Cr Brooks

That the matter be discussed.

Carried unanimously

Cr Brooks/Cr Adams

That Council officers further investigate the use of the levee banks to allow for a public walking track.

Carried unanimously

Council officers will continue to investigate the potential use of the levee banks and provide an update once an update is available.

6.3 Keep Australia Beautiful Awards

Committee to continue discussion.

General discussion was held. The committee resolved to take no further action.

6.4 Festival of Small Halls 2019

Northern Midlands Council hosted the Festival of Small Halls in Longford at the Longford Town Hall on Wednesday 9 January 2018.

The event was well attended, and feedback was overwhelmingly positive.

Discussion was held regarding cost to Council. Miss Copas confirmed that Council allows for the event in the budget and the event is underwritten between Northern Midlands Council and Woodfordia Inc.

6.5 Safer crossing to the Library from Church park

Motion to be considered at February Council meeting.

Deferred until March meeting.

6.6 Opening hours of Library, Saturday morning opening and more hours

Motion to be considered at February Council meeting.

Deferred until March meeting.

6.7 Rubbish and rubbish disposal around the towns – “no more plastics” strategy

Motion to be considered at February Council meeting.

Deferred until March meeting.

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

Motion to be considered at February Council meeting.

Deferred until March meeting.

6.9 Flood sign at new Woolmers bridge

Committee to discuss proposed location.

Discussion was held regarding the new flood sign that has recently been installed along Woolmers Lane. The committee expressed their concern regarding placement and wording of the sign. The following motions were put:

Mr Tim Flanagan/ Ms Dee Alty

The Longford Local District Committee requests that Council write to the Department of State Growth to request that a new suitable location and wording of the new flood warning sign is reconsidered.

Carried Unanimously

Mr Tim Flanagan/ Ms Dee Alty

That Council continue to use floods barriers when the Woolmers River is in flood.

Carried Unanimously

6.10 Disability access to public transport

Committee to provide an update.

Cr Brooks advised that all Metro buses are disability access compliant and advised that residents with larger mobility scooters that were over a certain weight were not permitted upon public transport as the weight limits on the ramps are restricted.

Discussion was held regarding this issue and it was resolved that the issue is not predominantly a Local Government issue but more appropriately suited to State and Federal Government as Council is unable to enforce any rules or regulations.

7 NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Welcome New Member

Welcome to Gary Catchlove – Owen.

7.2 Outstanding Motions

Discussion to be held regarding outstanding motions, please see attachment.

The committee resolved to discuss further at another meeting.

7.3 Budget Requests

Committee to begin budget consideration discussions.

The committee resolved to discuss further at another meeting.

7.4 Special Event Funding

Discussion was held regarding Council's Special Event Funding. It was resolved that this is to be further explored.

7.5 New Community Noticeboard in Longford

Discussion was held regarding a recent request from a Longford resident to have a new community noticeboard installed. Concern was raised by the resident that Council must be approached to have anything installed. Further discussion was held regarding the electronic sign at Hill Street and whether it could be utilised by the community.

Miss Copas advised that Council must approve each poster prior to installation to ensure that it is appropriate and suitable.

Councillor Brooks advised that there are several other noticeboards within Longford that are owned by local businesses that can also be approached for advertising or promotion.

Deferred until March meeting.

7.6 Tour of Tasmania

Discussion was held regarding lack of advertising and promotion of the most recent Tour of Tasmania Longford segment.

Miss Copas advised that all correct procedures were followed with regard to the road closures but Council could not control external advertising or promotion.

7.7 Cycling in Longford

Discussion was held regarding cycling in Longford. It was requested that Council install white bicycle lane lines on the Main Road to promote further use of Longford roads as a regular

cycling route. Miss Copas advised that the Main road in Longford was owned and operated by the Department of State Growth and they are reluctant to install bike lanes on highways due to safety concerns and liability.

Query was raised regarding a 2010 Cycling Report that was conducted and also a horse trails report.

Action:

Miss Copas to further investigate and provide update.

7.8 Land Use Strategy

Cr Adams gave a brief report on the current Land Use Strategy and advised that it will be a state-wide strategy for all Councils to follow.

Ms Alty tabled a document to be forwarded to Council.

7.9 Longford Legends Park

Discussion was held regarding the next step for implementing the Longford Legends Park.

Ms Terry Goldsworthy/ Mr Len Langan

To establish a Longford Legends Park which is a concept to recognise persons who have made a valuable contribution to the establishment, enhancement and growth of the Longford community, or have come from Longford and achieved great things in their lives.

Carried Unanimously

Further discussion was held regarding Council's involvement.

Action:

Committee to progress.

7.10 Longford Race Track

Discussion was held regarding the future of horse racing in Longford and potential uses for the Longford Race Track.

Miss Copas advised that the Longford Race Track was not owned by Council and has no authority over the property.

Ms Dee Alty/ Mr Dennis Pettyfor

That Council seek Federal funding for a feasibility study surrounding the Longford Equestrian Centre.

Carried Unanimously

8 CLOSURE

Chairperson closed meeting at am.

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