

MINUTES

THE MEETING OF THE LONGFORD LOCAL DISTRICT COMMITTEE HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, LONGFORD ON WEDNESDAY, 3 JULY 2019 COMMENCING AT 5:01PM

1 PRESENT

Mr Neil Tubb (Chairperson), Ms Dee Alty, Mr Dennis Pettyfor, Mr Len Langan, Mr Gary Catchlove – Owen, Mrs Joanne Clarke, Dr Tim Flanagan, Mr Kevin Headlam

2 IN ATTENDANCE

Cr Matthew Brooks, Miss Lucie Copas (NMC)

3 APOLOGIES

Cr Dick Adams, Ms Terry Goldsworthy, 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

Mr Gary Catchlove – Owen/ Mrs Joanne Clarke

*That the minutes of the meeting of the Longford Local District Committee held on **Wednesday, 5 June 2019** be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings with the following amendments:*

7.5 MOU Discussion

General discussion was held regarding making an amendment to the current MOU. Discussion was also held regarding the lack of process Council Officers follow with regards to advising members of their attendance and membership termination.

7.7 Parklets outside Library

General discussion was held regarding the parklets that are currently being installed outside the library. The committee does not agree with the location of the parklets.

Carried unanimously

6 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

6.1 Railway Bridge Sesquicentennial 2021

Third meeting held on 12 June, minutes available online.

Cr Adams to give brief update.

Cr Adams to provide update at August meeting.

6.2 Levee Banks

Council Officers are still investigating possible opportunities.

Cr Brooks advised that there had been no investigation into the use of the levee banks by Council Officers. Cr Brooks advised that Council is waiting to see if there is any funding leftover from the Nationals \$4million election promise towards the Longford Urban Design Strategy.

General discussion was held regarding future plans for the Longford Memorial Hall.

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

Update to be provided at meeting.

Cr Brooks advised that the above was not included in the budget. There were several questions regarding costs and who would pay.

6.4 Outstanding Motions

The following motions are outstanding:

6 May 2015

R Weiver/ N Tubb

Request by LLDC for Council to establish a bilateral agreement with Department of State Growth for the maintenance and appearance and surrounds of the Illawarra Road roundabout.

Status: Ongoing

21 Nov 2017

N Tubb/ J Cauchi

That the Committee expressed concern about any proposal which might result in a truck depot inside the town boundary rather than outside it. Concern was expressed at more traffic entering and exiting from Tannery Road.

Status: Ongoing

1 Aug 2018

Ms Dee Alty/ Ms Terry Goldsworthy

The Longford Local District Committee has requested further consultation with Council staff to ensure that the desired future characteristics of Longford are retained.

Status: Awaiting feedback from Officers.

1 Aug 2018

Mr Tim Flanagan/ Ms Dee Alty

That the Longford Local District Committee approach the General Manager requesting further information regarding the safety requirements of considering a walking track utilising the already existing levee banks.

Status: Ongoing/ further information required

3 July 2019

Dr Tim Flanagan/ Mr Kevin Headlam

The LLDC expresses their disappointment that no investigation has taken place and we request Council to give this issue high priority.

Carried unanimously

5 Dec 2018

Ms Kathy 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.

Status: Officers to advise LLDC of any strategies to assist.

5 Dec 2018

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.

Status: To be considered within the 2019/20 budget process.

6 Feb 2019

Ms Dee Alty/ Mr Dennis Pettyfor

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

Status: To be discussed at Council.

Mr Dennis Pettyfor/ Mr Tim Flanagan

The LLDC requests that the motion from 6 February 2019 is submitted to Council.

Carried unanimously

The motion from 6 February 2019 is as follows:

Ms Dee Alty/ Mr Dennis Pettyfor

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

Carried unanimously

6 Mar 2019

Ms Dee Alty/ Mr Dennis Pettyfor

The Longford Local District Committee requests that the Cycle track from Longford to Cressy is progressed as per the 2010 report.

Status: To be discussed at Council.

6.5 Cycling in Longford

Update to be provided at meeting.

General discussion was held regarding the implementation of a cycling track from Longford to Cressy.

Action:

Miss Copas to follow up.

6.6 Longford Legends Park

Mr Tubb to update on committee progress.

Mr Tubb provided an update and advised that a meeting was held two weeks ago to discuss criteria. Sporting teams and clubs have now been included.

6.7 Heritage Overlay Longford Main Street

Committee to further discuss.

General discussion was held, Cr Brooks advised that further information was being brought to Council.

6.8 Removal of Fred Davies Grandstand

Report is listed for Council's July meeting.

General discussion was held, Mr Tubb advised that there are now 9 people on the committee to save the Fred Davies Grandstand

6.9 Invitation

An invitation and agenda will be sent to Sergeant Mike Gillies a few days prior to the meeting. General discussion was held, Mr Tubb advised that the Sgt Mike Gillies will be invited to the September meeting.

6.10 MOU Amendments

Update to be provided at meeting.

General discussion was held, Cr Brooks advised that a report will be discussed at the July Council meeting.

7 NEW BUSINESS

7.1 2019/2020 Council Budget

Council adopted the 2019/2020 budget at its Council Meeting on Monday 24 June. The full media release is available on Council's website.

General discussion was held, the committee expressed their disappointment with the overspend at the Longford Recreation Ground as reported in the Northern Midlands Courier. Miss Copas advised that Council's Works Department took on the project as their first major project, the project was not given a formal tender process as it was not required.

7.2 Memorial Hall

General discussion was held regarding the future of the Longford Memorial Hall. Cr Brooks advised that the memorial Hall was currently under review by Council and has been identified for further improvements.

The committee expressed their desire to see it transformed into a Civic Centre.

7.3 Federal Election Promises

General discussion was held regarding the federal election promises made during the election. Miss Copas advised that the funds had not yet been received.

7.4 JBS Alternate Entrance

Ms Dee Alty/ Mr Kevin Headlam

That this committee ask the Council to ask State Growth that when they are designing the next part of the Illawarra Road using the \$86 million funds for the upgrade, that attention be given to providing an off Street truck park within the Swifts site and an entry road off Illawarra Road through the levy.

Carried unanimously

7.5 Invitation

The committee has suggested that they invite Mark Shelton to a future meeting.

Action:

Mr Tubb to invite Mr Shelton to a future meeting.

7.6 Time and Day of meetings

General discussion was held regarding the current time and day of the LLDC meetings. It was suggested to change the time and day to suit members who work and find it difficult to attend early meetings.

7.7 Location of Parklets

Cr Brooks advised that the parklet originally planned for outside the library will be relocated elsewhere, he suggested the committee consider some locations and provide some suggestions.

Dr Tim Flanagan/ Mr Len Langan

This committee reiterates its original point that it does not support any parklets within Longford.

Carried unanimously

7.8 Rail

General discussion was held regarding the usage of rail throughout the municipality, Ms Alty advised Mr Headlam that Cr Adams was currently working on a celebration of the Longford Railway Sesquicentenary.

Action:

Ms Alty to provide Cr Adams with Mr Headlams details.

8 CLOSURE

Chairperson closed meeting at 6:27pm.

Next meeting to be held on **7 August 2019** at the Council Chambers, Longford.