

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LONGFORD DISTRICT COMMITTEE HELD AT
CHURCH HALL, 4 WILLIAM STREET, LONGFORD ON WEDNESDAY, 4 SEPTEMBER
2019, COMMENCING AT 5.30PM**

- 1 PRESENT :** Neil Tubb (Chair) Joanne Clarke, Len Langan, Dennis Pettyfor, Tim Flanagan, Bron Baker, Dee Alty
- 2 IN ATTENDANCE:** Councillor Adams, Councillor Brooks, Sargent Michael Gillies
- 3 APOLOGIES:** Kevin Headlam, Gary Catchpole Owen.

Resignation : Inga Apostol

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS : Neil welcomed Bron to the Committee

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*, 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.

Nil declared

5 Suspension of standing orders to welcome and hear from Sargeant Gillies from Tasmanian Police

Moved: Dee Alty/Tim Flanagan **CARRIED**

Sgt. Gillies addressed the meeting and also reported on the new police station's progress. He felt that this new centre will give Longford a greater sense of security while giving economic advantages to the Northern Midlands. Also mentioned the homeless people in Longford but said they were not creating any concerns with the police.

Sgt. Gillies was thanked and standing orders were resumed.

6. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Longford Local District Committee held on Wednesday 7 August, 2019, be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings. Moved: Dennis Pettyfor/Len Langan **CARRIED**

7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

7.1 Introduction of free waste transfer station vouchers

LLDC ACTION: The committee awaits further advice for this inclusion in the next financial year's budget.

7.2 Characteristics of Longford - (see also 8.5)

LLDC ACTION: **Motion to Council**

“That this committee request that a planner attend a meeting to explain the future direction of the planning in Longford, with reference to the ‘desired future characteristics’ for planning out the town in the future”

Dee Alty/Bron Baker

CARRIED

7.3 Why aren't all motions from the LLDC to Council listed on their agenda for discussion and if they are vetted, what is the criteria?

LLDC ACTION: Waiting for Council to review the answer to that question

7.4 Longford Equestrian facility and recreational path

LLDC ACTION : **Motion to Council**

“That this committee supports the Councillors to continue the development of the horse centre and trails and forward the Longford Equestrian Centre paperwork to the General Manager for consideration and a time line.”

Moved: Dee Alty/Len Langan

CARRIED

7.6 2019/2020 LLDC Budget items

As per 7.1, that the committee waits for further information as to when these items be included in the budget.

LLDC ACTION: Resolved that members wait for further information.

7.7 JBS Alternate Entrance

LLDC ACTION: In abeyance until the next part of the Illawarra Road is developed.

7.8 Removal of Fred Davies Stand

Further discussion was held on this but there has been no official notification as to what was going to happen to this stand.

LLDC ACTION: Motion to Council

“That the Committee request the Council to hold a meeting with the representatives of the Save the “Fred Davis Grandstand Committee” and the Councillors to explore the preservation of the stand and the cost of same.”

Moved: Tim Flanagan/Jo Clarke

CARRIED

8.0 Other Business

8.1 Reports from subcommittees

8.1.1 Railway committee

Councillor Adams reported on the meeting they had had with the Penguin Composites regarding the making up replicas of the pillars. Talked of the display next year leading up to the following year and looking at schools involvement and other community groups.

LLDC ACTION: Receive the report.

8.1.2 Longford Legends

This project is also going well. The committee has chosen a number of likely legends and is looking to get brass plaques made up. Stokes Park seems to be the chosen venue with plaques attached to rocks. The NMC has given \$5,000 towards this project in 2019/2020 budget.

LLDC ACTION: Receive the report.

8.2 Race Course – what do we do next?

LLDC ACTION: See 7.4 – amalgamate these items.

8.3 MOU Discussion

LLDC ACTION: Waiting to see the next draft of the document.

8.4 Library hours again

Discussion again on the Library hours pointed out that people were still concerned about not having the library presence for 3 of the 7 day week.

LLDC ACTION: Motion to contact Libraries Tas

Motion:

“That the LLDC Committee write to Libraries Tasmania to request a review of the opening hours given the needs of the community for family visits.”

Moved: Dee Alty/Len Langan

CARRIED

8.5 Heritage overlay of the town. ^[SEP]Amalgamate with 7.2 – previously discussed.

8.6 FOOD VANS

Committee members expressed concern about the hours of the food vans in Longford. It was felt that this sort competition for the local shops is not appropriate as they do not pay equivalent council rates and licences. It was felt that Launceston had a better system for licensing vans.

LLDC ACTION: Seek a review from Council

Motion

“That this committee requests that Council review their policy on food vans to reconsider operating hours to protect local businesses but providing an exemption clause for festivals and special events times”

Moved: Len Langan/Dee Alty

CARRIED

8.7 CCTV

There was some discussion about CCTV to be considered in Longford. However, not everyone was in agreement, so it was suggested that the committee put this on the agenda when the Police next come and talk to the meeting.

LLDC ACTION: Defer till next meeting with the local police

9 CLOSURE

There being no further business, the Chairperson closed meeting at 7.30 pm.

Next meeting will be held on 2 October, 2019 at the Anglican Hall, 4 William Street, Longford.

