MINUTES

MEETING OF THE LONGFORD DISTRICT COMMITTEE HELD AT THE LONGFORD MEMORIAL HALL, WELLINGTON STREET, LONGFORD ON WEDNESDAY, 7 SEPTEMBER 2016, COMMENCING AT 5:35PM

1. PRESENT

Mr Michael Salhani (Chairperson), Mr Neil Tubb, Mr John Cauchi, Ms Dee Alty, Mrs Lesley McKenzie, Ms Terry Goldsworthy, Mr Linus Grant

2. IN ATTENDANCE

Cr Dick Adams, Ms Kim Hayward (providing administrative services)

3. APOLOGIES

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Mr Salhani advised the meeting of Inga Apostol's resignation from the Committee.

4. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

Nil Declared.

5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

That the Minutes of the Longford Local District Committee Meeting Held on 10 August 2016 be confirmed as a true record of proceedings.

Mr John Cauchi / Ms Dee Alty

·Carried unanimously

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Outstanding Recommendations of the Longford Local District Committee to Northern Midlands Council to be carried forward.

Ms Dee Alty requested Council provide an update on the hawthorne hedge project previously discussed for Carins Park. Council was recommending a fence, not a hedge be erected at its meeting of 15 August 2016. No further information or update has been received.

Action: Cr Dick Adams obtain Council's decision on the hedge for the Committee's consideration.

Mr Neil Tubb requested an update from State Growth on the Perth Bypass, in particular the plans to connect the bypass to the Illawarra Road at Longford.

6.2 Longford History

Ms Dee Alty advised the Longford History delegation met with Councillors at their workshop on Monday 5 September 2016. A copy of the Group's report was circulated to Councillors for their information. A meeting is scheduled with Mr Matthew Smithies from the National Trust on Thursday 8 September 2016 at the Longford Masonic Lodge to discuss the matter further.

Action: That the LLDC Chairperson formally write to Northern Midlands Council and the National Trust requesting an agreement be reached between all parties for the return of the Longford collection currently housed at Clarendon to a suitable location in Longford. Ms Dee Alty to draft an appropriate letter for the Chairperson's signature.

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

7.1 Review of 2016/17 budget letter items

Action: That the Committee write to Council requesting that at budget time the Committee be involved in setting priority projects and have input into the budget. Mr Michael Salhani write to Council requesting same.

Mr Neil Tubb / Ms Lesley McKenzie

7.2 Christ Church Grounds

Mr Michael Salhani and Cr Dick Adams met with Mr Peter Hoyle regarding the grounds at Christ Church. The Church grounds condition could greatly improved and could be a great attraction for Longford given its heritage value. It was suggested that a columbarium be built in the Church grounds for the internment of ashes. Given its location there is need for comprehensive strategic and landscape plan for the Church grounds. Ms Dee Alty commented Cr Michael Polley should be included in discussions given his previous interest in Tom Roberts memorial recognition.

Action: That a sub-committee be formed (Michael Salhani, Cr Dick Adams, Linus Grant and John Cauchi) to meet formally with Christ Church representatives to discuss a formalised management and landscaping plan be developed.

7.3 Longford Strategic Plan

Mr Michael Salhani advised he had received some comments from the public on the Plan. Priorities need to be identified for submission to Council for consideration.

Action: That the Strategic Plan be accepted and supported by the Longford District Committee. That the Strategic Plan be workshopped at a joint meeting of the Longford District Committee and the Longford Business & Tourism Association scheduled for 10:30am-12noon on Tuesday 13 September at the Longford Lake Lodge, Smith Street, Longford.

7.4 Longford Activation Plan

The Committee had received an update on the status of the Longford Activation Plan from Council.

Action: That the Committee accept the report provided and a letter of thanks be drafted and sent to Council for their efforts to date.

Ms Lesley McKenzie / Mr John Cauchi

7.5 Paddle Safe Program

Noted.

Action: That the Committee support the concept of the Paddle Safe Program and suggests MAST consider the Mill Dam for its program in consultation with Council.

Mr Linus Grant / Mr Neil Tubb

7.6 Family Violence Consultative Group

Noted.

7.7 Calendar of Meetings

Mr Michael Salhani advised he had met with Amanda Bond of Council and advised the Committee proposed to meet every second month. No objections were raised to this proposal. Meetings will commence at 5:30pm and be held Longford Memorial Hall.

Future meeting dates of the Longford Local District Committee are:-

9 November 2016

18 January 2017

8 March 2017

10 May 2017

12 July 2017

6 September 2017

8 November 2017

As well as the above meetings workshops with the Longford Business & Tourism Association will be arranged when required and the traditional Council Bus Tour will be arranged.

Action: That the Committee members agree to and diarise the above listed meeting dates.

Ms Dee Alty / Ms Lesley McKenzie

9.0 NEXT MEETING:

Next meeting to be held at Longford Memorial Hall, Longford on 9 November 2016 at 5:30pm.

10.0 CLOSURE

The Chairperson closed the meeting at 6:45pm.