

MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF THE LLDC
WEDNESDAY 3rd APRIL 2024. COMMENCING AT 5.30 PM
HELD AT THE BLENHEIM INN MEETING ROOM.

MINUTES

1. **PRESENT** – Neil Tubb (chair), Annette Aldersea, Bronwyn Baker, Doug Bester, Jo Clarke, Peter Munro, Dennis Pettyfor.
2. **IN ATTENDANCE** – Cr Dick Adams
3. **APOLOGIES** – Tim Flanagan, Cr Matthew Brooks.

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.

No declaration of any financial interest was declared by any person present.

5. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We acknowledge and pay our respects to the Tasmanian Aboriginal Community as the traditional and original owners, and continuing custodians of this land on which we gather today and acknowledge Elders – past, present, and emerging.

6. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Longford Local District Committee held on 6th MARCH 2024 confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

Moved – Bron Baker. Second – Jo Clark. Carried.

7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

7. PROMOTIONAL ISSUES:

7.1. Signage for Longford Roundabout.

Continue to monitor.

7.2. Motor racing themed Street Sign in Longford.

Included on the LLDC Budget Submission to the NMC for 2024-2025.

7.3. Visitors Information Shelter, Village Green Landscaping - corner of Archer and Wellington Streets.

Annette Aldersea emailed Maree Bricknell, NMC, requesting an update. Ms Bricknell advised that the NMC Works Manager is happy to plant out the area if the LLDC would like to volunteer to maintain it.

Annette Aldersea to raise landscaping the area with the Longford Garden Club at their next meeting asking for its support and report back to next LLDC meeting.

7.4. Directory of Clubs and other organizations and their branches in Longford - including sign.

Neil Tubb and Annette Aldersea meeting with Fiona Dewar, NMC, Thursday 11th April and will report back to the next LLDC meeting.

7.5. New Promotional Signage either side of Longford Roundabout on Illawarra Road. Annette Aldersea to email Vivian Tan, NMC, requesting an update.

8.SAFETY & AESTHETIC ISSUES:

8.1. Pullover area/Viewing Platform – Alternative Location.

LLDC to have a group revisit Pateena Road for alternative locations. Suggested we may need to look further towards Launceston end beyond Norwich Drive.

Annette Aldersea to email everyone with possible dates for the visit.

8.2. Wellington & Marlborough Streets Intersection (Sticky Beaks) –

Council has written to the Minister.

Continue to monitor. If necessary, ask for an update at the next meeting.

8.3. Environmental & noxious weeds.

Annette Aldersea to email Vivian Tan, NMC, asking for an update re: consultant etc.

8.4. Vision Impaired Markers.

Continue to monitor. May be completed as part of the LLDC's Budget Request to upgrade the pedestrian refuges, if approved.

8.5. Marlborough Street speed limit reduction.

NMC Executive assistant sent letter to the Minister 12th March 2024. Monitor.

Ongoing discussion Re: the need for speed cameras to be placed in Marlborough Street.

8.6. Pedestrian Safety Concerns – Wellington and Marlborough Streets.

Residents have raised major safety concerns for pedestrians crossing Wellington and Marlborough Streets.

MOTION:

The LLDC requests that the NMC approach the Department of State Growth again to request a pedestrian crossing on Wellington Street outside the Longford Library due to safety concerns, and as traffic numbers have increased since the last request was made.

Moved – Peter Munro. Second Jo Clarke. Carried.

8.7. Illawarra Road West of Roundabout – Safety Concerns.

LLDC Motion tabled at NMC meeting 18th March 2024.

Council DECISION – MINUTE NO. 24/093

“That Council request Department of State Growth to reduce the speed limit from 100km/h to 90km/h from the start of Bishopsbourne Road to the municipal boundary on Illawarra Road, to bring it in to line with other section of Illawarra Road from Bishopsbourne Road to the intersection of the Perth interchange”.

Carried unanimously.

Monitor progress of request.

9. TOWN IMPROVEMENT ISSUES

9.1. Longford Racecourse Heritage signage for the Cracroft and Anstey Street corner.

Nothing further to report at this stage. Monitor.

9.2. Longford Streetscape – Wellington Street upgrade – redirection of funds.

Council Minutes 18th March 2024 – 14.1 Longford Urban Design Project.

DECISION:

“That Council

a) note this report; and

b) endorse the allocation of \$1,393,628 of the \$4 million Community Development Grant to the development of a shared pathway from Longford Village Green to the Mill Dam; and

c) subject to community consultation prior to final endorsement of the plans by Council”.

Monitor progress.

9.3. Shower for Public Use – Longford Memorial Hall.

Works are currently underway in the existing parent room toilet facing the Green to install the public shower. Also updating existing toilets.

Continue to monitor.

9.4. “Mulga Fred” – The Poem.

Discussions re: installation of a QR Code to include the poem and possibly other information at the Fred Davies Memorial. Discuss at next meeting when Tim Flanagan is present.

9.5. Dual Naming of Longford Streets.

Defer until next meeting when Tim Flanagan is present.

9.6. Longford Lawn Cemetery.

LLDC committee to include a look at the cemetery in the road trip back to Pateena Road.

9.7. EV Charging Site in Longford.

Continue to monitor progress.

10.RECREATIONAL ISSUES:

10.1. Deterioration of Facilities at Mill Dam.

LLDC included ongoing maintenance and upgrades in its budget requests to Council. Council is considering a Master Plan for the area. Monitor.

10.2. Bike Rack outside JJ's Bakery.

Nothing to report. Defer to next meeting.

10.3. The Missing Link – Lack of bikeways between Longford roundabout and Pateena Road.

Council considered LLDC Motion at 19.02.2024 meeting.

Included on NMC Action Items list – NMC Minutes 18th March 2024.

13.03.2024 “Executive Assistant Officer to Contact Department of State Growth as election has been called”.

Monitor.

11.HERITAGE ISSUES:

11.1. Significant Trees Register.

Update from Maree Bricknell by email 15th March 2024 – A brief has been drafted ready to commence the project, subject to officer availability as the senior planner is going on maternity leave shortly. NMC may need to revisit and allocate more of the task to consultants. Monitor progress.

12.GOVERNANCE ISSUES:

12.1. Review of MOU between NMC & LDC's.

Completed revised MOU will take effect from 1st July 2024.

All committee members will need to hold a Working with Vulnerable People card.

Current committee members will need to re-apply for a position on the committee.

12.2. Project Allocation for funds of \$2,500 in lieu of secretarial support for LLDC in 2023.

Ongoing for Landscaping at the Longford Racecourse heritage sign and outside the Visitor Information Shelter Village Green. Monitor.

12.3. LLDC future Meeting Location.

Maree Bricknell NMC advised by email that she guessed the Memorial Hall would be available from mid-May. Annette Aldersea to follow up with Vivien Tan NMC.

12.4. Registry of Action.

Council noted the LLDC request for a Registry of Action. Decided LLDC will keep it's own. Peter Munro to make up the table template, Annette Aldersea to fill in.

12.5. LLDC Budget Allocation Submission.

LLDC Budget Allocation Submission emailed to Council and LLDC members 31st March 2024 following the LLDC Special Meeting 20th March 2024. Monitor progress.

13. REPORTS FROM SUB-COMMITTEES:

13.1. Railway Committee – Optimistic more funding will be obtained.

13.2. Longford Legends – Nothing new to report.

13.3. Town Hall Committee – Getting on with working through maintenance and works issues.

13.4. Arts and Cultural Committee – Art exhibition in the Town Hall 12th to 21st April.

13.5. Norfolk Plains History Committee – Minutes have been circulated to LLDC by NMC today, however too late for LLDC to accept, to be considered at next meeting.

14. NEW BUSINESS:

14.1. New public toilets on Marlborough Street – Jo Clarke.

Jo Clarke highlighted the need for public toilets in the vicinity of the shopping strip on Marlborough Street. She will approach landowners of a possible location and report to the next meeting.

14.2. Lack of communication – Bron Baker.

Bron Baker raised concerns with lack of communication. Discussion that it would be preferred if two members of the committee received communication from NMC, however option not provided under MOU.

14.3. Senior Citizens Meetings, Memorial Hall– Peter Munro.

Peter Munro raised the possibility of the Senior Citizens group receiving a reduced hire fee if they wished to meet at the Memorial Hall.

15. NMC Meeting dates for 2024

22nd April

20th May

24th June

22nd July

19th August

16th September

21st October

18th November

9th December

16. CLOSURE- 7.00pm.

17. NEXT LLDC MEETING – WEDNESDAY 1st MAY 2024 – Location TBA.