

MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF THE LLDC
WEDNESDAY 01ST NOVEMBER 2023. COMMENCING AT 5.30PM
HELD AT THE BLENHEIM INN MEETING ROOM.

MINUTES

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

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 04 OCTOBER 2023 to be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

Moved – Bron Baker. Second – Jo Clarke.

7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

7. PROMOTIONAL ISSUES:

7.1. Signage for Longford Roundabout.

Structural engineering design being sought by Council prior to DA (Council Minutes 16.10.2023).

7.2. Motor racing themed Street Sign in Longford.

Cr Adams and Cr Brooks absent – were to follow up prior to this meeting.

7.3. Visitors Information Shelter, Village Green.

Monitor request for new planting in garden beds in front of the shelter.

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

L Wyatt to update the directory of clubs after Community Expo held 9.09.2023.

A Aldersea to email L Wyatt requesting an update.

7.5. NMC Community Expo.

Feedback Survey received from F Dewar (NMC Tourism & Events Officer). A Aldersea to collate response from LLDC members who manned the table at the Expo and return the completed survey to F Dewar.

MOTION:

LLDC wishes to thank Fiona Dewar, Tourism & Events Officer NMC, for her organisation and running of the successful Community Expo on 9th September 2023.

Moved – Neil Tubb. Second – Jo Clarke.

7.6. New Promotional Signage either side of Longford Roundabout on Illawarra Road.

Existing Longford promotional signs need to be updated. Sign on west side of roundabout, is in a poor location. Neil Tubb tabled photos of the Oatlands promotional signs located on the Midland Highway as excellent examples.

MOTION:

LLDC request that the two Longford promotional signs “Welcome to Longford” located either side of the Illawarra Road roundabout be re-formatted and re-sited.

LLDC requests an on-site meeting with Council Officers to discuss further.

Moved – Neil Tubb. Second – Jo Clarke.

7.7. Longford Hosting 2024 NMC Australia Day Event and Awards Presentation – Event Suggestions.

LLDC suggest the event be held in the Longford Village Green.

BBQ lunch provided by Council (BYO picnic rug, seating etc.).

Music/Entertainment – Band, Local Dance Group. Orientated towards younger demographic – families, young adults.

Lawn games – i.e., sheaf tossing, bean bag tossing, quoits, cricket, bowls, bocce.

Involve local clubs – Bowls Club, Tennis Club, Cricket Club, Archery.

Annette Aldersea to provide feedback to L Wyatt – NMC.

8.SAFETY & AESTHETIC ISSUES:

8.1. Pullover area on Pateena Road.

P Munro spoke to Jonathon Galbraith NMC. Tas Networks will not allow any pullover under powerlines at Newry Corner.

LLDC to revisit alternative locations. Annette Aldersea to check photos in report of Pateena Road on-site visit for alternate locations without overhead powerlines.

Discuss further at next meeting.

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

The Dept. of State Growth advised Council they have engaged Safe Systems Solutions to make an assessment of this intersection. Council is still waiting on a timeline for independent Report from State Growth.

8.3. Environmental & noxious weeds.

A Aldersea to follow up again with L Wyatt NMC

8.4. Vision Impaired Markers.

Most have been removed in Longford. Monitor.

9. TOWN IMPROVEMENT ISSUES

9.1. Longford Racecourse Heritage signage for the Cracroft and Anstey Street corner. Sign pending. Working on lay-out etc.

9.2. Request for part of Smith Street to be named “Mulga Way”.

Still waiting for the installation of sign. Monitor.

9.3. Longford Streetscape – Wellington Street Upgrade.

Annette Aldersea to email Trent Atkinson and thank him again for providing further information. Ask that he confirm and provide assurance that no street trees will be removed (as advised in 4th October 2023 LLDC Meeting).

9.4. Shower for Public Use – Motion to Council.

Council Decision – 16.10.2023 Council Meeting.

“That Council investigate the need for a public shower within Longford and if appropriate, including a suitable location by way of a future report to Council; and that Helping Hand and other community groups be included in the discussions”.

Jo Clarke advised that Helping Hand have had discussions with Council Officers since the Council meeting.

10. RECREATIONAL ISSUES:

10.1. Deterioration of Facilities at Mill Dam.

Letter received from Victoria Veldhuizen (NMC Executive Officer) 01.11.2023, providing response to the LLDC Motion –

Council owns picnic area, balance of land in 4 titles privately owned.

Mill Dam Committee no longer exists. Council remains committed to maintaining the Mill Dam Site.

When weather permits, mowing will occur.

Planned works to replace toilet pans and fixtures as necessary has been completed.

An additional seat will be added along the walkway area.

No power to Mill Dam Reserve Site which is problematic to installing surveillance cameras. Requested LLDC advise purpose for this request for further consideration.

Council holds concerns if sheep graze on site (on private sections of land), escape onto railway line etc.

Ms. Veldhuizen also wrote “I advise Council Officers are further considering the Mill Dam site as per minute resolution 23/0265. Further updates (as appropriate) will be provided to the LLDC in this regard”. Tim Flanagan to email Ms. Veldhuizen.

10.2. Bike Rack outside JJ's Bakery.

JJ's owner (Steve Johnson) will be in Longford at the end of November. Bron Baker will meet with him at this time.

10.3. The Missing Link – Lack of bikeways between Longford roundabout and Pateena Road. B Baker – nothing further. Ongoing.

11.HERITAGE ISSUES:

11.1. Significant Trees Register (A Aldersea)

T Flanagan to speak with S Bower again regarding this issue.

11.2. Sid Boon Clock – Norfolk Plains Collection.

Discussion re: placement of clock in Council public space in Longford.

MOTION:

LLDC requests (on behalf of the Norfolk Plains History Committee) that Council consider placing the Sid Boon Clock on public display (on Loan) in the Council offices, or in another Council owned public space in Longford.

Moved - Annette Aldersea Second – Neil Tubb

Photo of clock and brief history attached to LLDC Minutes.

12.GOVERNANCE ISSUES:

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

Review ongoing until June 2024 – refer Council Decision 16.10.2023.

LLDC support a Forum of the District Committees, with at least two representatives from each committee.

Request a timeline of actions for Motions.

Support a numbering system for District Committee Motions.

12.2. Council Amalgamation.

Final report from review board provided to State Government 31st October 2023.

LLDC to discuss at the next meeting.

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

LLDC to discuss further and make a final decision at their December 2023 meeting.

Neil Tubb suggested funding a picnic table with bench seats with plaque acknowledging LLDC project at the Longford Racecourse heritage sign site.

12.4. LLDC future Meeting Location.

Refer to Council Motion 16.10.2023 – Council waiver Hire Fees for LDC's.

In view of Council Motion, LLDC should meet in a Council facility.

MOTION:

LLDC requests that Council allocates a meeting room in the Longford Memorial Hall for the committee's monthly meetings once redevelopment of the hall is complete.

Moved – Jo Clarke. Second – Dennis Pettyfor.

13. REPORTS FROM SUB-COMMITTEES:

13.1. Railway Committee – Nothing further.

13.2. Longford Legends – New inductees 1st December 2023.

13.3. Town Hall Arts and Cultural Committee – Nothing further.

13.4. Norfolk Plains History Committee – Packing of collection underway. Hope to commence moving into the library space in the coming week.

14. NEW BUSINESS:

14.1. Bron Baker – Frustration with lack of communication from Council when reporting an issue. Reference number for Report of Issue not being provided.

14.2. Jo Clarke – Acknowledgement of Annette Aldersea speaking at Council Meeting 16.10.2023 regarding public shower for Longford, Local District Committee Review and proposed fuel stop on Illawarra Road.

14.3. Neil Tubb – LLDC needs to confirm a date for its January 2024 meeting. Decided on WEDNESDAY 10TH JANUARY 2024.

15. NMC Meeting dates for 2023

20 November

11 December

16. CLOSURE- 7.05pm

17. NEXT LLDC MEETING – 6TH DECEMBER, 2023 – Blenheim Inn Meeting Room.