

MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF THE LLDC
WEDNESDAY 04 OCTOBER 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** – Cr Dick Adams, Cr Matthew Brooks.
Guest – Trent Atkinson – Project Manager Northern Midlands Council.
3. **APOLOGIES**- Simon Bower.

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 06 September 2023 to be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

Moved – J Clarke. Second – d Pettyfor.

7. COMMUNICATION IN

The Chair received a written resignation from Simon Bower as LLDC secretary and member. Call for nomination for a new secretary.

Annette Aldersea nominated and moved by Neil Tubb. Second Doug Bester. Carried.

Meeting Suspended at 5.40pm while Trent Atkinson NMC, conducted a presentation to the LLDC of the Longford Streetscape Redevelopment Concept Plan.

Several questions and concerns were raised, and suggestions made by the committee.

LLDC Meeting recommenced at 6.15pm.

8. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

8.PROMOTIONAL ISSUES:

8.1. Signage for Longford Roundabout.

Council 11.08.2023 – redesign in process.

N Tubb raised suggestion of new promotional signage coming into Longford. To be discussed at next meeting.

8.2. Motor racing themed Street Sign in Longford.

Cr Adams and Cr Brooks will follow up and report back to next meeting.

8.3. Visitors Information Shelter, Village Green.

Painting and signage completed. New pine bark on garden beds. Hoping for requested new planting.

8.4. 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.

8.5. NMC Community Expo.

LLDC participated in the Community Expo held 9th September 2023.

Worthwhile attending raised community awareness of the LLDC.

LLDC received a suggestion from resident Tony Tymms that Council should include a shower available to the public in the Memorial Hall, like that at Pyengana.

Also received a suggestion of a half basketball court in Longford. Cr Adams and Brooks indicated Council are already considering this. LLDC feel the best location would be near skate park/road safety park area.

MOTION:

LLDC request NMC look at putting in place a shower for public use, considering the increasing number of homeless people in Longford, at the Memorial Hall, which should be done during the current redevelopment.

Moved – Neil Tubb. Second – Doug Bester.

8.6. NMC Promotion – “Choosing the Scenic Route” – nothing further.

9.SAFETY & AESTHETIC ISSUES:

9.1. Pullover area on Pateena Road.

It appears this has been removed from Action Items in Council Minutes.

P Munro to contact Jonathon Galbraith NMC to follow up.

9.2. Illawarra Road Response State Growth.

LLDC requested 80 KM/H speed limit from merger off ramp from Perth to Longford roundabout. In consideration of our request State Growth has lowered the speed limit to 90 KM/H. New speed signs have been installed.

9.3. 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, but they have not provided a date for completion.

9.4. Environmental & noxious weeds.

A Aldersea to contact L Wyatt NMC for an update.

9.5. Traffic Concerns re: proposed new development 26 Tannery Road Longford – Truck Stop/petrol station. Permission for a driveway was granted by State Growth over three years ago. Driveway now being installed. Permit application for truck stop still to go to Council.

9.6. Vision Impaired Markers.

Most have been removed in Longford. Monitor.

10. TOWN IMPROVEMENT ISSUES

10.1. Longford Racecourse Heritage signage for the Cracroft and Anstey Street corner. Wordsworth working on wording for signage. N Tubb to report further at the next meeting.

10.2. Request for part of Smith Street to be named “Mulga Way”. Still waiting for the installation of sign. Monitor.

11. RECREATIONAL ISSUES:

11.1. Deterioration of facilities at Mill Dam.

Council waiting on report re: future ownership and Masterplan.

11.2. Bike Rack outside JJ’s Bakery.

B Baker spoke again to JJ’s owner (Steve Johnson). Mr Johnson to get in touch with B Baker when he is next coming to Longford.

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

12. HERITAGE ISSUES:

12.1. Significant Trees Register (A Aldersea)

T Flanagan to speak with S Bower regarding this issue.

13. GOVERNANCE ISSUES:

13.1. Review of MOU between NMC & LDC’s.

LLDC Draft Response to Council’s Review of Local District Committees written after LLDC Special Meeting 26th September, discussed. Extra matter of meeting space to be added and re-circulated to members for final approval before sending to Council prior to 8th October deadline.

13.2. Council Amalgamation.

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

14. REPORTS FROM SUB-COMMITTEES:

14.1. Railway Committee – Still raising funds.

14.2. Longford Legends – Meeting scheduled with acting General Manager, Maree Bricknell.

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

14.4. Norfolk Plains History Committee – Upstairs library space to be handed over to the NPHC 31st October 2023.

15. NEW BUSINESS:

15.1. P Munro - raised that the Senior Citizens Club may have a 99-year lease at the Memorial Hall.

15.2. P Munro - advised he has put in a request for a new speed camera location in Longford.

15.3. Cr Brooks - at the recent NMC workshop with police, Council learned that the police are not on duty in Longford between 12 midnight and 9am.

16. NMC Meeting dates for 2023:

16 October

20 November

11 December

17. CLOSURE- 6.59pm

18. NEXT LLDC MEETING – November 1st, 2023 – Blenheim Inn Meeting Room.