

**MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF THE LLDC**  
**WEDNESDAY 6th DECEMBER 2023. COMMENCING AT 5.30PM**  
**HELD AT THE BLENHEIM INN MEETING ROOM.**

**MINUTES**

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

**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 01 NOVEMBER 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). Ask Council for an update in early 2024.

**7.2.** Motor racing themed Street Sign in Longford.

Ask Council for an update in early 2024.

**7.3. Visitors Information Shelter, Village Green.**

Continue to 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.**

Annette Aldersea emailed Lorraine Wyatt (NMC) 6<sup>th</sup> November 2023, for update.

L Wyatt to follow up with Fiona Dewar (NMC) and advise LLDC of outcome.

**7.5. NMC Community Expo.**

Feedback Survey completed and submitted to Fiona Dewar (NMC) 12<sup>th</sup> November 2023 by Annette Aldersea.

LLDC Motion (1<sup>st</sup> November 2023) to thank Fiona Dewar, Tourism & Events Officer NMC, for her organisation and running of the successful Community Expo – “sentiment noted” by Council at 20<sup>th</sup> November 2023 meeting.

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

Existing Longford promotional signs need to be updated.

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

Council decision 20<sup>th</sup> November 2023 – “That Council notes the LLDC request and refers the matter to the appropriate officer”.

Follow up in new year, include in LLDC budget items request to Council, and add as item on Council bus tour.

**7.7. Longford Hosting 2024 NMC Australia Day Event and Awards Presentation – Event Suggestions provided by LLDC.**

Email received from Lorraine Wyatt 6<sup>th</sup> November 2023, Thanking LLDC for feedback.

**8.SAFETY & AESTHETIC ISSUES:**

**8.1. Pullover area on Pateena Road.**

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. @ 13/11/2023 Council is still waiting on a timeline for independent Report from State Growth.

**8.3. Environmental & noxious weeds.**

Lorraine Wyatt NMC, replied to email request for update 6<sup>th</sup> November 2023. L Wyatt and L McCullagh NMC, have met with consultant who has commenced working through the new Weed Management Plan. This will include community consultation in early 2024, to encourage input, raise awareness of the plans existence and encourage its use. The Plan will be relevant to our region and will include an annual calendar.

#### **8.4. Vision Impaired Markers.**

##### **MOTION:**

LLDC requests vision impaired markers be replaced in Longford where they were in place previously, and where appropriate.

Refer to information provided by Cr Matthew Brooks.

Moved – Peter Munro Second – Dennis Pettyfor.

#### **9. TOWN IMPROVEMENT ISSUES**

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

Tas Racing agree in principle, waiting on draft of heritage information board.

Fencing and irrigation by Tas Racing. Seating provided by Longford Rotary.

Council confirmed it will carry out landscaping.

##### **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.**

Planning application for streetscape rejected by Council 20<sup>th</sup> November 2023.

LLDC to provide a list of requests if Council is successful in retaining the funds.

LLDC to discuss further in new year.

Suggested LLDC chair and secretary should meet with NMC General Manager to put forward LLDC requests.

##### **9.4. Shower for Public Use – Longford Memorial Hall.**

Possibility shower may be installed in re-furbished existing public toilets in Memorial Hall. Monitor.

##### **9.5. “Mulga Fred” – The Poem. Defer until Tim Flanagan is present at a meeting.**

#### **10. RECREATIONAL ISSUES:**

##### **10.1. Deterioration of Facilities at Mill Dam.**

Two new seats have been installed on path to Mill Dam.

Arborist commissioned to check trees.

Council awaiting Master Plan for precinct, plan awaited. Monitor.

##### **10.2. Bike Rack outside JJ’s Bakery.**

Bron Baker met with JJ’s owner (Steve Johnson). The bike rack from Jo Clarke will need to be cut down, which is not a problem. JJ’s undergoing some renovations in February, bike rack can be installed after renovations are complete.

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

Matter discussed, determined to approach the Perth LDC in the new year to work on link together.

## **11.HERITAGE ISSUES:**

### **11.1. Significant Trees Register (A Aldersea)**

T Flanagan to speak with S Bower again regarding this issue. Defer until Tim Flanagan is present at a meeting.

### **11.2. Sid Boon Clock – Norfolk Plains Collection.**

Council decision 20<sup>th</sup> November 2023 – “That Council notes the Norfolk Plains History Committee request for the Sid Boon Clock to be displayed in Council offices or in another Council owned public space in Longford, and that in principle agreement is offered, subject to a suitable location being identified. Possibly the Longford Library, or Memorial Hall”. LLDC noted the committee is referring to downstairs in the library.

## **12.GOVERNANCE ISSUES:**

### **12.1. Review of MOU between NMC & LDC’s.**

Review ongoing until June 2024.

### **12.2. Council Amalgamation.**

Final report from review board provided to State Government 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023. NMC was not included in the recommended amalgamations. Remove from Agenda.

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

#### **MOTION:**

The LLDC requests that the \$2,500 of funds in lieu of secretarial support for the committee, be allocated to landscaping at the Longford racecourse Heritage Signage area, corner Cracraft and Anstey Street, and, landscaping in the garden beds on the Village Green corner of Wellington and Archer Street, in front of the Longford Visitor Information Shelter.

Moved – Jo Clarke      Second – Annette Aldersea

### **12.4. LLDC future Meeting Location.**

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

Council advised LLDC request for a meeting room to be allocated in the Memorial Hall is an operational matter.

LLDC to contact Council in the new year to make request for a meeting space in the Memorial Hall when works are completed.

## **13. REPORTS FROM SUB-COMMITTEES:**

**13.1. Railway Committee –** Cost of columns has increased, new engineers. Council to look at further.

**13.2. Longford Legends –** Successful Induction Ceremony held today (6<sup>th</sup> December 2023), of 8 new inductees plaques.

**13.3. Town Hall Arts and Cultural Committee –** Town Hall Committee and Arts and Cultural Committee to become two separate entities. Seeking new committee members.

**13.4.** Norfolk Plains History Committee – Moving the Collection to the upstairs library space has now been completed, thanks to a lot of hard work and effort by the NPHC. The NPHC is very appreciative for the renovations carried out in the space by Council. The LLDC acknowledges the hard work that was carried out in moving the collection.

**14. NEW BUSINESS:**

**14.1.** Cr Adams - reported on Waste Management Committee visit to the Mowbray waste facility to view the processing of the FOGO bins waste. Contamination from NMC is only 1%.

**14.2.** Bron Baker – Raised concerns for the safety of pedestrians crossing Wellington Street in front of the library.

**14.3.** Peter Munro – Received feedback from his correspondence to State Growth suggesting the speed camera be placed in different areas in Longford. State Growth advised they will do a site visit to Longford during December.

**14.4.** Peter Munro – Letter from Valleyfield Vineyard/Bell and Gong winery highlighting traffic concerns on Illawarra Road. LLDC discussed community concern for safety, in particular regarding turning traffic.

**MOTION:**

LLDC requests that the speed limit reduction from the off ramp at Perth be extended along Illawarra Road north-west to the Whitfield property, and that it be reduced to 80km per hour, as requested previously.

Moved – Neil Tubb    Second – Bron Baker

**15. NMC Meeting dates for 2023**

11 December

**16. CLOSURE**- 6.50pm.

**17. NEXT LLDC MEETING** – 10<sup>th</sup> JA– Blenheim Inn Meeting Room.