

**MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF THE LLDC HELD AT THE LONGFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL
STAFFROOM ON WEDNESDAY 05 JULY 2023. COMMENCING AT 5.30PM**

MINUTES

1. **PRESENT** – Neil Tubb (chair), Annette Aldersea, Bronwyn Baker, Doug Bester, Jo Clark, Peter Munro, Dennis Pettyfor.
2. **IN ATTENDANCE** – Dick Adams, Matthew Brooks
3. **APOLOGIES**- Simon Bower, 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 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Longford Local District Committee held on 07 JUNE 2023 to be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

Moved – D Pettyfor Second - B Baker

6. ARISING FROM MINUTES

PROMOTIONAL ISSUES:

6.1. Signage for Longford Roundabout (cf minutes of all meetings since November 02, 2022)

Cf minutes 6.1 at our meeting on May 04: ‘The LLDC thank the NMC for providing us with the options for a ‘Longford’ sign at the roundabout on the northern edge of our town, and unanimously endorsed option 1.

We presume it will be two sided, and be lit up after dark.’

Officer Recommendation to May NMC meeting: That Council note the appreciation of Longford Local District Committees appreciation for providing options for the “Longford” sign at the roundabout on the northern side of Longford.

On hold – Nothing further

6.3. Motor racing themed Street Sign in Longford

Cf. minutes from Feb 01,2023 item 7.2 was accepted by NMC at their February meeting, officers to investigate.

No further information at hand at meeting on May 08, or June 07, July 05, 2023

NMC have advised works department now involved.

LLDC thought motions are to be submitted to NMC rather than customer requests.

District committees are conduit to council.

D Adams highlighted lack of resources.

6.4. Longford Tourism – Street Map

Cf. minutes 6.4 – Motion: ‘The LLDC request the NMC consider new signage and beautification of the visitor information shelter on the corner of Archer and Wellington Streets’.

Moved A Aldersea, seconded P Munro

A Aldersea picked up another box of Longford maps 27th June and is currently distributing them.

Visitor Information shelter currently being painted on the exterior. Lorraine - Council requested clarification of beautification, A Aldersea replied to email requesting replacement of Visitor Information sign and additional planting to garden beds (with photos).

6.5. Directory of Clubs and other organizations and their branches in Longford-

Any ideas need to be forwarded to L. Wyatt

On 2023-05-08 Members thought it would be wise if the LLDC was represented at the expo of local community groups to be held in the Sports Centre in September 2023 – See new Business 10.2.

L. Wyatt to update after September 09, 2023 Expo.

SAFETY & AESTHETIC ISSUES:

6.6. Pullover area on Pateena Road.

2023-05-08, 2023-06-07: No further action

Awaiting advice from Tas Networks.

NMC Minutes 26.06.23 – Tas Networks advised council this area is within their power-line easement and for safety reasons will not allow construction of a viewing platform in that area.

Action - LLDC will explore an alternative location.

P Munro will circulate photo PDF again. A Aldersea to arrange a joint car trip to Pateena Road.

6.7. Illawarra Road Response State Growth- again nothing further

2023-05-08, 2023-06-07, 2023-05-07 No further action

Motion: “LLDC request 80 KM/h speed limit from merger off ramp from Perth to Longford roundabout, in view of accidents at Pateena Rd intersection, until issues with Pateena road junction resolved”

COUNCIL DECISION 26.06.2023 - Cr Adams/Cr Andrews

That Council writes to State Growth requesting the speed limit be reduced to 80km/hour and advises the of safety concerns of the Longford Local District Committee who are representing the Longford community.

Cf. minutes 9.3 June 07, 2023 under new business Launceston downgrade of speed limits – Pete Munro, who will get info from L'ton.

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

Cf minutes 6.8: traffic counters were on Wellington St

NMC Minutes 26.06.23 – Council has made further contact with Dept. State Growth requesting timeline for provision of the independent traffic study.

6.9. Environmental & noxious weeds

2023-05-08, 2023-06-07: Awaiting further developments from Lorraine Wyatt, NMC.

June 07, 2023, meeting A Aldersea offered to write to L Wyatt.

05.07.2023 – NMC - L Wyatt advised that the consultant who was engaged to complete the Weed Management Plan has been delayed and has not started. Council is currently looking at other options to get this done.

Green swamp weed overtaking Mill Dam (see new business – 9.1).

6.10: Improvements on website.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT ISSUES

6.11. cf minutes May 04, 2023, 7.1 Street name: Request that all or part of Smith Street, be renamed 'Mulga Way' to further honor Frederick James 'Mulga' Davies (1921-1961) the person who arguably brought more fame and delight to this town than anyone else.

Cr M Brooks reported on NMC discussions on proposed dual Mulga Way signage from Hay St. Only 4 houses affected.

05.07.2023 – Cr Brooks advised Council has agreed to place an extra sign for "Mulga Way" under the Smith Street sign at the Smith Street/Hay Street intersection. Street name not changing, no need to alert residents or AusPost etc.

RECREATIONAL ISSUE:

6.12. Access to levee banks (T. Flanagan) – Initially High Street to Malcombe Street cf minutes from Feb 01, 2023 6.11 Motion for NMC to consider: That the NMC consider creating a walking track along the levee from High Street to Malcombe Street'.

2023-05-08: Councilor Brooks reported that officers were concerned about having to increase the height of the levee banks due to climate change.

Cr M Brooks commended the levee bank walk to the left of Charles St bridge in Launceston.

Cr Adams discussed the possibility of a walk along railway bank taking into account the 100 year levee and effect of climate change.

05.07.2023 – Nothing further.

HERITAGE ISSUE:

6.13. Plaque on Queen Victoria Diamond Jubilee memorial (horse trough) has been re-ordered.

Cf. minutes 6.14

6.14. Review of MOU between NMC & LLDC:

N Tubb to prepare submission about the process to ensure action from NMC when motions lodged.

05.07.2023

Motion: "Regarding the NMC District Committees Memorandum of Understanding:

(1) The District Committee MOU states "Complaints should be directed to the Council"

The LLDC request clarification of a complaint.

(2) The LLDC requests Council puts in place a procedure to handle complaints or report an issue, including acknowledgement of receipt of the complaint/issue and a reference number allocated. Please see attached example.

(3) The LLDC requests that the Homepage of the NMC website include a clear link for "Report an Issue or make a complaint". Please see attached example.

Moved – J Clark Second – P Munro

6.15. Vision impaired markers (yellow tactile pads) markers on footpaths in poor repair (cf minutes April 05, 2023 9.5, photos attached).

05.07.2023 – P Munro reported some of the markers have been removed to date.

6.16. Council Amalgamation- cf email from Lorraine Wyatt June 02, 2023, and minutes June 07, 2023 meeting 7.1 and 9.4, and our motion to NMC

"LLDC supports idea that NMC consults with community regarding mergers, and asks the NMC to organise community meetings" Which was carried unanimously.

NMC Minutes 26.06.23 – Noted LLDC recommendation in Report.

COUNCIL DECISION

"That the Northern Midlands Council (NMC) rejects all the scenarios presented in the Local Government Review as they pertain to the existing boundaries of the NMC".

"That Council has rejected all scenarios presented in the Local Government Review and the preferred option is for the Northern Midlands Council (NMC) to remain in its current form, however, should council be placed into a position to forcibly be amalgamated that NMC and Meander Valley Council merge in their entirety".

"That the Northern Midlands Council (NMC) undertake an immediate and extensive information campaign for the municipality, outlining its decision and the rationale for the decision. The campaign to include media release, press conference, talk back radio, letter drops, social media saturation, and community meetings".

A Aldersea and B Baker volunteered to assist with letter drop. A Aldersea to email committee when ready to do.

8.REPORTS FROM SUB-COMMITTEES

8.1. Railway Committee – Model train exhibition in Town Hall 21st & 22nd July

8.2. Longford Legends - Nothing further until spring.

8.3. Cultural Committee (aka Longford Town Hall Arts Committee) – see attached report.

8.4. Norfolk Plains History Committee – Painting has commenced in upstairs library space. NPHC will assist National Trust to pack for collection move to Longford.

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1. Deterioration of facilities @ Mill Dam (D Adams)

Members of the LLDC visited the Mill Dam 03.07.2023. The weed taking over is sedge, as well as gorse and dock. Overall condition disappointing.

05.07.2023

Motion: “In regard to Mill Dam, LLDC request clarification of the following:

(1) Ownership of Mill Dam site?

(2) Does the Mill Dam Committee still exist?

(3) What is the council’s level of commitment regarding maintenance of the Mill Dam site?”

Moved – B Baker Second – J Clark

AND:

Motion: “Following an on-site visit to Mill Dam the LLDC request that Council

(1) Prioritise slashing and spraying of invasive weeds – particularly Sedge, Gorse and Dock. See attached photos.

(2) Contract an arborist to provide a health assessment of the prominent trees and provide remedial works as required.

(3) Paint toilets and change rooms and replace toilet pans and fixtures as necessary.

(4) Install bench seats on the walk to the dam and within the dam area.

(5) Consider a surveillance camera at the road entrance gate to the Mill Dam Reserve.

(6) Consider allowing sheep to run on the reserve to assist with weed control (as in the past)”.

Moved – A Aldersea Second – D Pettyfor

9.2. Bike rack outside JJs (B Baker) - 05.07.2023 – B Baker still following up

9.3. Recent road sealings (B Baker) – 05.07.2023 Councillors advised streets will be swept of excess gravel.

9.4. Email to all LLDC members June 15, 2023 of an article in the Launceston Examiner "Council takes on Highway Discover Deloraine Signs". (B Baker). For committee FYI.

9.5. Longford Racecourse signage (N Tubb) – Discussion re: heritage signage for the Cracroft and Anstey Streets corner.

05.07.2023

Motion: „The LLDC request that Council provide an update on the status of the Longford Racecourse Masterplan“.

Moved – D Pettyfor Second – J Clark

10. Other business

10.1. – Significant Trees Register (A Aldersea)

10.2. – NMC Community Expo 9 September 2023 – LLDC will be represented, need to register. A Aldersea to register LLDC.

B Baker – Concerns re: developers granted planning permits in flood zone areas

11. NMC Meeting dates for 2023:

17 July

21 August

18 September

16 October

20 November

11 December

11. CLOSURE- 7.12pm

12. NEXT LLDC MEETING – August 02, 2023