

**MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF THE LLDC**  
**WEDNESDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2024. COMMENCING AT 5.31PM**  
**HELD AT THE BLENHEIM INN MEETING ROOM.**

**MINUTES**

1. **PRESENT** – Tim Flanagan (Chair), Annette Aldersea, Bronwyn Baker, Doug Bester, Jo Clarke, Peter Munro, Dennis Pettyfor, Neil Tubb
2. **IN ATTENDANCE** – Cr Dick Adams    **GUEST** – Cr Paul Terrett
3. **APOLOGIES** – 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 10<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2024 confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.  
Moved – Bron Baker. Second – Neil Tubb. Carried.

**7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

LLDC Chair and Secretary met with the NMC Corporate Service Manager Maree Bricknell 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2024 to discuss and ask for updates on several matters (as agreed in the LLDC January 10<sup>th</sup> meeting), the answers to which will be noted in items on these Minutes.

## **7.PROMOTIONAL ISSUES:**

### **7.1. Signage for Longford Roundabout.**

Should be installed within the next few weeks – as advised by Maree Bricknell NMC 2/02/2024.

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

One sign has been ordered for a sample. Funding was to be part of the now defunct streetscape works. Recommended that the LLDC include the signs in their budget requests for 2024 – 2025 – as advised by Maree Bricknell NMC.

### **7.3. Visitors Information Shelter, Village Green – Planting corner of Archer and Wellington Streets.**

As per our Motion tabled at Council 29/01/2024 (supported by NMC) to allocate part of the \$2,500 funds in lieu of secretarial support to the planting.

Marie Bricknell has requested an update on behalf of LLDC.

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

Annette Aldersea to email Fiona Dewar, NMC, for an update. (as per January LLDC meeting).

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

Action Items – Gail Eacher 5/12/2023 – Investigations to commence early 2024. Monitor.

## **8.SAFETY & AESTHETIC ISSUES:**

### **8.1. Pullover area/Viewing Platform – Alternative Location.**

LLDC to continue to revisit alternative locations with views, such as Mill Dam, Boat Ramp area, or other site suggestions in town.

Discuss further at next meeting.

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

NMC Motion/Decision at 29/01/2024 Council meeting -

“That Council write to the Minister and request an update on the Longford Heritage Corner (Sticky Beaks, Marlborough and Wellington Streets intersection) matter and as to why the correspondence on the matter has stalled and request a timeline”.

Continue to monitor.

### **8.3. Environmental & noxious weeds.**

Awaiting advice from NMC re: new Council Officer contact for LLDC to replace Lorraine Wyatt who resigned December 2023.

Monitor.

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

Two have been replaced to date. Continue to monitor.

### **8.5. Marlborough Street speed limit reduction.**

Ongoing discussion on speed limits on Longford's main streets.

Peter Munro conducted a Longford speed limit survey on Facebook.

84% of response = attention required across speed compliance, reduce speed limits, better pedestrian crossings, action needed on dangerous intersections and entrances.

#### **MOTION:**

LLDC request NMC to approach local state members and the Minister for State Growth to reduce the speed limit on Longford's main roads being, Marlborough Street, and Wellington Street to Woolmers Lane, from 60kmh to 50kmh.

Moved – Neil Tubb. Second – Peter Munro. Carried.

## **9. TOWN IMPROVEMENT ISSUES**

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

Council has supported our request to complete landscaping (motion tabled at 29/01/2024 Council meeting).

Marie Bricknell has advised she has requested an update on the need to top dress the corner, as no kerbing.

Rotary providing funding for seating. As site is on crown land, approval is required.

### **9.3. Longford Streetscape – Wellington Street Upgrade.**

In meeting with Maree Bricknell NMC, Maree advised the LLDC should include all proposed alternative options on the LLDC budget request for 2024 – 2025.

Including upgrading of pedestrian refuges, upgrading of Marlborough Street footpaths, Path to Mill Dam, QR code.

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

Following LLDC earlier motion, provision has been made in the new externally accessible toilet for a shower (plumbing etc.).

Council Motion at NMC meeting 29/01/2024, (and with further lobbying), Council supported the installation of the shower – point 3. Of NMC motion/Decision

“Determine to commit funding immediately to the construction of a public shower facility at the memorial hall, Longford, in discussion with Helping Hand”.

Continue to monitor.

### **9.5. “Mulga Fred” – The Poem.**

Suggestion a QR Code be installed at the Fred Davies Memorial to include the poem and other information. Tim to check with NMC IT officer Ben. Discuss further next meeting.

### **9.6. Dual Naming of Longford Streets.**

LLDC to investigate the origins of Longford Street names and discuss further at next meeting.

### **9.7. Longford Lawn Cemetery.**

Longford Lawn Cemetery established 1958, managed by NMC.

LLDC to continue to discuss improvements to the landscaping at cemetery.

### **9.8. EV Charging Site in Longford.**

Discussion held in meeting with Maree Bricknell NMC. re: suitable site for an EV charging station in Longford. Maree advised in follow up email 06/02/2024, that a private company, Electric Highways Tasmania (EHT) installs EV chargers. EHT advised charging capacity is running ahead of demand but requested recommendations for good sites in Longford for 2025/2026.

Suggestions to be put forward by NMC are IGA, service stations, and a publicly owned location.

## **10.RECREATIONAL ISSUES:**

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

Council awaiting Master Plan for precinct. Bench seats have been installed, some painting done, slashing has been carried out. Monitor.

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

JJ's undergoing some renovations in February? bike rack can be installed thereafter. Further next meeting.

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

Discussion that the road bridges are extremely dangerous for bike riders and pedestrians. LLDC to approach Perth LDC to join forces and lobby for bike path together.

#### **MOTION:**

LLDC request NMC revisit the earlier letter from the Minister for State Growth Michael Ferguson, regarding a bike path between Longford roundabout and Pateena Road, requesting an update, including a timeline for completion, of this missing link. Moved – Bron Baker. Second – Dennis Pettyfor. Carried.

## **11.HERITAGE ISSUES:**

### **11.1. Significant Trees Register.**

Maree Bricknell advised in meeting 02/02/2024 that a senior planner is currently working on the Significant Tree Register, she has requested an update.

## **12.GOVERNANCE ISSUES:**

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

Review ongoing until June 2024. Awaiting invitation for chairs to attend a meeting. LLDC discussed that two members from each committee should be invited to attend.

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

NMC supported request at 29/01/2024 Council meeting for the \$2,500 funds to be allocated to landscaping at the Longford racecourse Heritage Signage corner, and, landscaping in the garden beds in front of the Longford Visitor Information Shelter.

**12.3.** LLDC future Meeting Location.

March LLDC meeting to be held in Blenheim Inn Hotel meeting room, contact Council after next meeting re: future meetings in Longford Memorial Hall.

**12.4.** Registry of Action.

LLDC requested via a Motion tabled at NMC meeting 29/01/2024 that a Registry of Action for matters brought to the attention of the NMC by LLDC be put in place. Council noted the request.

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

**13.1.** Railway Committee – Presenting to a Council workshop. Hoping to progress.

**13.2.** Longford Legends – Met in January. Two new committee members.

**13.3.** Town Hall Committee – boost in funds following successful Jazz Convention.

**13.4.** Arts and Cultural Committee – Jazz Convention a success.

**13.5.** Norfolk Plains History Committee – Meeting held today – 7<sup>th</sup> February, progressing well.

### **14. NEW BUSINESS:**

**14.1.** NMC Motion Re: Heritage Committee – Guest Cr Paul Terrett.

Intention of Motion was for a heritage committee to heighten exposure to history. Unity. Heritage and history are important in our communities.

Does not want a Council committee to override the excellent work community groups are already doing.

**14.2.** Longford Pong – Bron Baker.

Terrible smell coming from the west on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> February. Reported it to EPA.

Attributed to decommissioning of settling ponds by Taswater.

**14.3.** Illawarra Road west of roundabout safety concerns - Peter Munro.

Bell & Gong have again raised concerns about safety on this section of Illawarra Road.

Upgrade of that section is imminent.

**15. NMC Meeting dates for 2024**

19<sup>th</sup> February

18<sup>th</sup> March

22<sup>nd</sup> April

20<sup>th</sup> May

24<sup>th</sup> June

22<sup>nd</sup> July

19<sup>th</sup> August

16<sup>th</sup> September

21<sup>st</sup> October

18<sup>th</sup> November

9<sup>th</sup> December

**16. CLOSURE**- 6.58pm.

**17. NEXT LLDC MEETING** – 6<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2024 – Blenheim Inn Hotel Meeting Room.