

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LONGFORD LOCAL DISTRICT COMMITTEE HELD
ON 2 MAY 2018 AT THE LONGFORD COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT 5.00 PM**

1. **PRESENT:** Linus Grant (Chair) Dee Alty, John Cauchi, Neil Tubb, Terry Goldsworthy, Dr Tim Flanagan,
2. **IN ATTENDANCE:** Councillor Dick Adams, General Manager Des Jennings
3. **APOLOGIES** Donna Bain, Stefan Apostol, Lesley McKenzie (extended sick leave).
4. **DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

Nil declared

- 5.1 Suspension of standing orders moved to hear from the General Manager.

Moved: Dee Alty/Terry Goldsworthy CARRIED

Des Jennings then addressed the meeting. He made a presentation that had earlier been presented to council. The major points are attached. The GM said that this was part of the long-term strategy for Longford and therefore will be budget dependent on when various components are implemented.

Other issues discussed included:

- Tourism activities and resources employed.
- Council not involved with organising events, but offers support.
- Architectural draft of extending/reconfiguring the Memorial Hall into a multi-purpose civic centre on Village Green.
- There will be opportunities to contribute to plans through community consultations which will be advised on the Council website. Details on council@nmc.tas.gov.au

The GM answered a number of questions from committee members.

There was general agreement the briefings were appreciated and valuable. The chairman thanked the GM and said briefings on perhaps a quarterly basis would benefit the committee.

- 5.2 Standing orders were resumed for rest of the meeting

Moved: Dee Alty/John Cauchi CARRIED

- 6.1 **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

“That the minutes of the meeting on February 22, 2018 be a true and correct record.” Dee Alty/Terry Goldsworthy CARRIED

- 6.2 “That the notes from the March meeting be endorsed as the Minutes”

6. BUSINESS ARISING

6.1 CommuniTree project - Neil Tubb to ask Megan Denne whether there had been any progress.

6.2.1 Tree plantings – The three street tree matters before the committee were discussed in the briefing by the General Manager. The meeting again expressed misgivings about the Smith St plantings being given budget priority ahead of other projects.

6.2.2 Signs

It was resolved that the Committee ask council whether it has advised all Longford community groups such as the RSL and Rotary, churches and schools of the signboards, how to use them and details of the contact person as per the last minutes. It was also suggested such information be included in the Examiner and the Courier.

Has the resolution of the February meeting been tabled in Council?

6.2.3 Floods storyboard Dr Flanagan reported that he has been working with the Council on this board.

6.3 Seasonal Labour – This was addressed in the briefing. The GM said council's only role in accommodation matters for workers was in planning approvals for property owners to build accommodation.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

7.1 Railway Bridge – the Longford Railway Bridge will be 150 years old in 2021. The Committee resolved that it was happy to establish a subcommittee, and that they would co-opt local railway enthusiasts to assist. In his brief, the General Manager said there would be some resources available and that the committee could include interested parties as part of a sub committee that Councillor Adams will chair. One suggestion was to ask Tas Rail to paint it.

Loose animals. Councillor Adams reported to the February meeting about residents' complaints about loose animals in Longford. He said there appeared to be different expectations by residents about what course of action could be taken.

Action: Could council advise the committee of any by-laws on the matter and how complaints are dealt with.

- 7.4** Dee Alty sought leave of absence from the June and July meetings. She will renominate in June for another term.
Councillor Adams advised that he would also be an apology for June and July.

NEXT MEETING

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 6.30pm. The next meeting will be held on Wed 6 June, 2018 at 5 pm.

Dates for the rest of the 2018:

4 July
1 August
5 September
3 October
7 November
5 December