

MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF THE LLDC
WEDNESDAY 6th MARCH 2024. COMMENCING AT 5.28 PM
HELD AT THE BLENHEIM INN MEETING ROOM.

MINUTES

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

Guest attendee Frances Stewart addressed the meeting outlining her concerns regarding the State Growth upgrade of Illawarra Road and the current safety issues of a high volume of trucks, most travelling at high speed. Serious concerns with the safety of property owners entering and exiting their properties on this section of Illawarra Road.

Stated that Bell and Gong have closed its cellar door due to safety concerns for guests and tourists visiting the site, and excessive noise.

Asked for support to lower the speed limit on Illawarra Road from Bishopsbourne Road to NMC municipality boundary (NMC sign), preferably to 80kmh.

Meeting proper commenced at 5.51pm.

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 7th FEBRUARY 2024 confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

Moved – Jo Clarke. Second – Peter Munro. Carried.

7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

7.PROMOTIONAL ISSUES:

7.1. Signage for Longford Roundabout.

Imminent – Monitor.

7.2. Motor racing themed Street Sign in Longford.

One sample sign provided by NMC for LLDC consideration. Sign received very favorable comments from all committee members.

MOTION:

LLDC accepts the sample motor racing themed sign, thanks Council, and asks that Council proceed with installation.

Moved: Doug Bester. Second: Bron Baker. Carried.

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

Landscaping through part of the \$2,500 funds in lieu of secretarial support.

Annette to email Marie Bricknell and ask for an update.

7.4. Directory of Clubs and other organizations and their branches in Longford - including sign.

Annette Aldersea to email Fiona Dewar, NMC, and ask for a meeting with Neil Tubb and Annette Aldersea.

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.

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

Council has written to the Minister.

Continue to monitor.

8.3. Environmental & noxious weeds.

Awaiting advice from NMC re: new Council Officer contact for LLDC.

Monitor.

8.4. Vision Impaired Markers.

Continue to monitor.

8.5. Marlborough Street speed limit reduction.

Council decision 19.02.2024 to LLDC Motion – “That Council requests the Department of State Growth carry out a review of the speed limits in Wellington and Marlborough Streets in Longford”.

Peter Munro reported speed cameras are to be placed in Marlborough Street (south), timing unknown. Also suggested a speed camera should be placed between High Street and Wellington Street.

9. TOWN IMPROVEMENT ISSUES

9.1. Longford Racecourse Heritage signage for the Cracroft and Anstey Street corner. As site is on crown land, awaiting approval. Council will maintain landscaping.

9.2. Longford Streetscape – Wellington Street upgrade – redirection of funds. Council Minutes 19.02.2024 – 8.15 (page 39) – Funds have been reallocated to a shared pathway to Mill Dam. LLDC decided to still put forward other requests. Include in 2024 – 2025 budget requests.

9.3. Shower for Public Use – Longford Memorial Hall.

A public shower is currently being installed in the existing family room toilet facing the playground. Continue to monitor.

9.4. “Mulga Fred” – The Poem.

Defer until next meeting.

9.5. Dual Naming of Longford Streets.

Defer until next meeting when Tim Flanagan is present.

9.6. Longford Lawn Cemetery.

LLDC committee to look at cemetery and provide suggestions for improvements to the landscaping at next meeting.

9.7. EV Charging Site in Longford.

Continue to monitor progress.

10. RECREATIONAL ISSUES:

10.1. Deterioration of Facilities at Mill Dam.

Council has received a Master Plan for precinct. Monitor.

10.2. Bike Rack outside JJ’s Bakery.

JJ’s building owner is coming to Longford in March.

Further next meeting.

10.3. The Missing Link – Lack of bikeways between Longford roundabout and Pateena Road. Monitor. Council considered LLDC Motion at 19.02.2024 meeting.
Decision – “That Council requests an update from the Department of State Growth on the matter and provides advice to the committee”.
Monitor.

11.HERITAGE ISSUES:

11.1. Significant Trees Register.

Maree Bricknell advised on 2.02.2024 that a senior planner is currently working on the Significant Tree Register. Annette to email Maree Bricknell and ask for an update.

12.GOVERNANCE ISSUES:

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

Review ongoing until June 2024. Meeting of LDC's chairs held. Neil Tubb attended. Requested that the LLDC continue to have the option to meet monthly.
Raised the issue that LLDC is not satisfied with the continual response on issues as “noted”.

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. Monitor.

12.3. LLDC future Meeting Location.

Cr's Adams and Brooks indicated that the Memorial Hall will be completed in three weeks. Annette Aldersea to write to Council to make a request that a meeting room be provided for the LLDC in the hall.

12.4. Registry of Action.

Council noted the request. Discuss at next meeting.

13. REPORTS FROM SUB-COMMITTEES:

13.1. Railway Committee – Nothing new to report.

13.2. Longford Legends – Nothing new to report.

13.3. Town Hall Committee – Hoping to upgrade foyer, install more appropriate timber doors.

13.4. Arts and Cultural Committee – Nothing to report.

13.5. Norfolk Plains History Committee – Moving towards an independent History Society.

14. NEW BUSINESS:

14.1. Illawarra Road Safety Concerns.

MOTION:

LLDC requests that the NMC approach the Department of State Growth to extend the 90kmh zone from the existing 90kmh to the Northern Midlands/Meander Valley boundary (boundary sign).

Moved: Peter Munro Second: Dennis Pettyfor. Carried.

14.2. LLDC Budget Allocation Requests.

Special LLDC Meeting to be held on **Wednesday 20th March 5.30pm, Blenheim Inn meeting room.** To discuss LLDC budget requests.

14.3. Longford Caravan Park Dump Point – Peter Munro.

Queried if this is available for use by all members of the public – Yes.

14.4. Wellington and Marlborough Street Pedestrian Safety Concerns – Peter Munro.

Peter reported that an elderly lady with a scooter will not cross either street as she is too afraid of the safety risk.

Add this matter to the next Agenda.

15. NMC Meeting dates for 2024

18th March

22nd April

20th May

24th June

22nd July

19th August

16th September

21st October

18th November

9th December

16. CLOSURE- 7.06pm.

17. NEXT LLDC MEETING – WEDNESDAY 3rd APRIL 2024 – TBA.