



NORTHERN
MIDLANDS
COUNCIL

BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING # 3

MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, 8 MARCH 2023

COMMENCED AT 4:00 PM AT THE

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

13 SMITH STREET, LONGFORD

1 ATTENDANCE

1.1 Members

Mr Cocker
Mr Miller
Mr Mackinnon
Mr Atkinson

1.2 Apologies

Cr Lambert
Cr McCullagh
Mr Burston
Mr Cullimore
Mr Aalbregt

2 DECLARATIONS OF ANY PECUNIARY INTEREST BY A MEMBER (OR CLOSE ASSOCIATE OF THE MEMBER) OF A SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL

As per the *Local Government Act 1993*, Part 5, S48A – S56, a councillor or member of a Special Committee must not participate in any discussion or vote on any matter in respect to which the councillor/member:

- a) has an interest; or
- b) is aware or ought to be aware that a close associate has an interest.

A councillor/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.

Local Government Act 1993, Part 5 - Pecuniary Interests

48. Declaration of pecuniary interest by councillor

(1) A councillor must not participate at any meeting of a council, council committee, special committee, controlling authority, single authority or joint authority in any discussion, nor vote on any matter, in respect of which the councillor–

- (a) has an interest; or
- (b) is aware or ought to be aware that a close associate has an interest.

Penalty: Fine not exceeding 20 penalty units.

(2) A councillor must declare any interest that the councillor has in a matter before any discussion on that matter commences.

Penalty: Fine not exceeding 50 penalty units.

(3) On declaring that he or she has an interest, the councillor is to leave the room in which the meeting is being held.

Penalty: Fine not exceeding 20 penalty units.

(4) The councillor, by notice in writing, is to advise the general manager of the details of any interest that the councillor has declared under this section within 7 days of so declaring.

Penalty: Fine not exceeding 20 penalty units.

(5) The general manager is to –

- (a) ensure that the declaration of interest is recorded in the minutes of the meeting at which it is made; and
- (b) record the details of any interest declared in the register of interests kept under section 54 .

(6) In addition to any penalty imposed under this section, a court may make an order –

- (a) barring the councillor from nominating as a candidate at any election for a period not exceeding 7 years; and
- (b) dismissing the councillor from office.

48A. Declaration of pecuniary interest by member

(1) At any meeting of a special committee or controlling authority, or the board of a single authority or joint authority, a member must not participate in any discussion, or vote on any matter, in respect of which the member –

- (a) has an interest; or
- (b) is aware or ought to be aware that a close associate has an interest.

Penalty: Fine not exceeding 20 penalty units.

(2) A member must declare any interest that he or she has in a matter before any discussion on that matter commences.

Penalty: Fine not exceeding 50 penalty units.

(3) On declaring an interest that he or she has, the member is to leave the room in which the meeting is being held.

Penalty: Fine not exceeding 20 penalty units.

(4) A member of a special committee or controlling authority, by notice in writing, is to advise the general manager of the details of any interest that he or she has declared under this section within 7 days of that declaration.

Penalty: Fine not exceeding 20 penalty units.

(5) A member of a board of a single authority or joint authority, by notice in writing, is to advise the chief executive officer of that authority of the details of any interest declared by the member under this section within 7 days of that declaration.

Penalty: Fine not exceeding 20 penalty units.

(6) The general manager or chief executive officer is to –

- (a) ensure that the declaration of interest is recorded in the minutes of the meeting at which it is made; and
- (b) record the details of any declared interest in the register of interests kept under section 53B or 54A .

3 COMMITTEE ESTABLISHMENT & APPOINTMENTS

3.1 Committee Establishment

The Bicycle Advisory Committee was established as a special committee of the Northern Midlands Council on 28 June 2021 (min. ref. 212/21) pursuant to section 24 of the *Local Government Act 1993*

At the Council meeting of 16 May 2022, Minute reference 22/170, the Membership of the Committee was appointed, membership comprises:

- Health Sector Representative:
 - Marcus Burston, Perth
- Recreation Sector Representative;
 - Tony Cullimore, Longford
- Community Members representing the Cycling Community
 - Eric Aalbregt, Longford
 - Hugh Mackinnon, Longford
 - Colin Cocker, Longford
 - Sam Miller, Perth

Mr Trent Atkinson has been appointed as the Council's officer delegate to the Committee.

At the Council Meeting of the 28th November 2022 Minute reference 22/390 the following Councillors were appointed

- Councillors Lambert and McCullagh

3.2 Purpose & Roles And Responsibilities

The Terms of Reference has identified the following:

Purpose:

The Bicycle Advisory Committee ('the Committee') has been established to provide advice and recommendations on:

- Preparation of the Northern Midlands Council: Municipal Bicycle and Shared Path Plan; and
- Implementation of actions identified in the Northern Midlands Council: Municipal Bicycle and Shared Path Plan that include:
 - Planning for the development of bicycle pathways and routes which link key assets of our municipality;
 - Prioritisation of developments, ensuring changes are coordinated and reflect the needs of the community and users;
 - Improvements to the safety of users and community members accessing the bicycle pathways;
 - Opportunities to increase participation in cycling usage across the municipality.

Roles & Responsibilities

The Committee is empowered to do the following:

- Recommend development of bicycle tracks and shared pathways;
- Provide feedback regarding suggested changes or modifications to bicycle tracks and shared pathways;
- Identify and report public risk issues relevant to bicycle tracks and shared pathways;
- Consult with users and the local community so that, where possible, funding allocations and improvements reflect the needs of bicycle tracks and shared pathways users;
- Disseminate information to user groups and interested parties relevant to bicycle tracks and shared pathways.

The Committee does not have the power to commit Council to any decision or action, or to direct Council staff in their duties. The Committee may make recommendations for consideration by Council, but Council reserves the right to accept or reject recommendations from the Committee. This includes recommendations regarding the expenditure of funds allocated to the Committee, if applicable.

3.3 Appointment Of Chairperson

RECOMMENDATION

Thatbe appointed as Chairperson of the Bicycle Advisory Committee until the conclusion of the term at 30 June 2023.

Defer to next meeting (quorum not met).

3.4 Appointment Of Deputy Chairperson

RECOMMENDATION

That Mr Cullimore be appointed as Deputy Chairperson of the Bicycle Advisory Committee until the conclusion of the term at 30 June 2023.

3.5 Meeting Schedule

In accordance with the Terms of Reference, meetings of the Committee will be held on a bi-monthly basis.

It is suggested that meetings be held at 4pm on the first Wednesday of the month.

The following schedule of dates has been identified for the remainder of the 2022 calendar year:

- May 2023
- July 2023
- August 2023
- October 2023
- December 2023

Look for alternative days/dates that work better for all to attend. Monday was suggested, Mr Miller was unable to attend Mondays, it was proposed to change to Thursday. Liaise with all Committee members for availability prior to setting date.

4 NEW BUSINESS

4.1 PLN22-0040: Road & Streetscape Works - Wellington Street, Longford

Further discussion on the Longford Main Street (Wellington Street) upgrades. Power point presentation will be presented.

Below is the motion that the Committee moved at our previous meeting for reference.

Mr Burtson, Mayor Knowles left the meeting at 5:02pm

DECISION

Mr Cocker/Mr Cullimore

That the kerb outstands (pinch points) incorporate rideable/mountable kerbing or, designated bike lane within the kerb outstands, this can be in the same line as the outstand or bend in towards the existing kerb line. Pavement or kerbing to be marked green with the appropriate signage.

Carried

Voting for the Motion:

Cr Lambert, Cr Adams, Mr Cullimore, Mr Burston, Mr Aalbrecht, Mr Cocker and Mr Atkinson

PowerPoint presentation presented, good discussion.

Defer to next meeting (quorum not met).

4.2 Consideration Of Additional Membership Application

This matter is listed for consideration by the Committee.

The Terms of Reference currently provides for the following public representatives on the Committee:

- One Health Sector Representative;
- One Recreation Sector Representative;
- Four Community Members representing the Cycling Community;

There are currently no vacancies on the Committee, however, Council has received a further membership application. Given the level of interest in this committee, it is recommended that the Terms of Reference be amended to provide for a total membership complement of 10 members, as follows:

- Two Northern Midlands Council Councillors;
- One Health Sector Representative;
- One Recreation Sector Representative;
- Five Community Members representing the Cycling Community;
- Officer Delegate.

Further, prior to the establishment of the Committee, Cr Goninon was approached by a Launceston City Council Alderman to recommended that Council establish a special committee of Council to provide advice and recommendations on the planning for the development of bicycle pathways and routes which link key assets of our municipality and neighboring municipalities.

Cr Goninon has suggested that the Alderman be invited to apply for membership of the Bicycle Advisory Committee.

If the Committee were to agree to the proposal to invite the Alderman to apply for membership and if the Alderman were to apply for membership, the membership complement would need to be increased to a total of 11 members.

This matter be listed for consideration by the membership of the Committee at this inaugural meeting.

Alternately the Committee may wish to consider requesting Council to write to the Launceston City Council Alderman to advise of the establishment of the Committee and extend an invitation to him to attend a meeting or meetings as a guest.

OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE

Agree or not agree to recommend to Council

- to increase the membership complement;
- to appoint the additional applicant as a member;
- to extend an invitation to the Launceston City Council Alderman
 - to apply for membership and consequently extend the committee membership further;

OR

- to attend a future meeting (or meetings) as a guest attendee

RECOMMENDATION

That the Bicycle Advisory Committee recommend to Council

- A) That Council extend the Bicycle Advisory Committee Terms of Reference (ToR) to provide for a membership complement of 5 Community Members representing the Cycling Community;
- B) That Council appoint the additional applicant (Community Member Representative) to the membership of the Bicycle Advisory Committee
- C) That Council
- i) a) write and invite the Launceston City Council Alderman to apply for membership of the Bicycle Advisory Committee, and
 - b) should an application be received, extend the Bicycle Advisory Committee Terms of Reference (ToR) to provide for the inclusion of a new category *Local Government Regional Representation* with Council to determine an appropriate membership allocation for the sector;
- OR
- ii) write to the Launceston City Council Alderman to advise of the establishment of the Committee and extend an invitation to him to attend a future meeting (or meetings) of the Committee as a guest attendee.

Defer to next meeting (quorum not met).

Discussion:

- *Include neighboring Councils when required, for the purpose of connectivity and integration*
- *Don't increase numbers, Work on scheduling for everyone to attend meetings*
- *Advise Council to advertise again if we cannot achieve quorum, encourage youth/gender*
- *If Councillors cannot attend nominate another Councilor to attend in lieu*

4.3 Review 2010 Trails and Bikeway Strategy

BACKGROUND

In 2010 council adopted a final feasibility report of Trails and Bikeways strategy. The report looked at a number of routes linking the towns and villages in the Northern Midland, this included links between Longford to Cressy, Perth to Evandale and Campbell Town to Ross.

Since that time bikeways have been constructed between Perth and Devon Hills and Devon Hills to the Airport. These pathways are enjoyed by many residents and the expansion of the bicycle network will improve the amenity of the Northern Midlands. Including these paths in the strategy is no longer required and the plan should reflect those that need to be developed.

The updating of the Councils strategy to include costings will place the Northern Midlands in a good position to take opportunity of any future State and/ or Federal funding that may be opened up.

RECOMMENDATION: That in relation to Councillor Terrett's Notice of Motion, Council Officer's refer the request to review the 2010 Trails and Bikeway strategy to the Bicycle Advisory Committee for review and comment prior to the preparation

MINUTE NO. 23/043

DECISION

Cr Terrett/Cr McCullagh

That in relation to Councillor Terrett's Notice of Motion, Council Officer's refer the request to review the *2010 Trails and Bikeway strategy* to the Bicycle Advisory Committee for review and comment prior to the preparation of a report to a future Council meeting. The report to include costings and funding opportunities.

Carried Unanimously

Voting for the Motion:

Mayor Knowles, Deputy Mayor Lambert, Cr Adams, Cr Andrews, Cr Archer, Cr Brooks, Cr Goss, Cr McCullagh and Cr Terrett

Voting Against the Motion:

Nil

Discussion:

- *Old strategy is 13 years old and meaningless*
- *Create 5-6 (approx.) routes moving forward and bring back to committee for discussion*

4.4 Perth Main Street Upgrades

Presentation by Trent Atkinson.

Defer to next meeting (ran out of time)

4.5 General Business

Illawarra Road to Bishopsbourne Shared pathway update:
Council pursuing The department of State growth for inclusion.

Patenna Road to Longford shared pathway update:
Council pursuing The Department of State growth. Be included in next stage of works.

Connectivity from Longford roundabout to Tannery Road:
Extend Pathway form the existing crossing to Tannery Road for both pedestrians and Cyclists.

Bicycle Network Tasmania contact:
Alison Hetherington

Mr Cocker submitted at previous meeting, Bicycle guidelines from NSW/Victoria. These included removing pinch points and having raised intersections for better visibility of cyclists. There was no mention of this in any Council meeting or minutes.

Shared Pathway from Perth to Pateena Road Maintenance:
Large cracks in pavement, some with grass coming through. Maintenance required.

Committee would like to move motions if quorum is not met. Members do not want to waste their time if decision cannot be made. Very happy to utilise their time, but want it to be productive and meaningful.

CLOSURE & NEXT MEETING

The Chairperson closed the meeting at 4:58pm.

The next meeting to be held at the Council Chambers in May 2023 at 4:00pm

Date to be advised.