

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LLDC HELD AT THE LONGFORD RSL MEMORIAL CLUB ON WEDNESDAY 01 FEBRUARY 2023, COMMENCED AT 5.33 PM

MINUTES

1. **PRESENT** -Tim Flanagan (chair), Annette Aldersea, Bronwyn Baker, Doug Bester, Peter Munro and Neil Tubb,
2. **IN ATTENDANCE** – Dick Adams and Matthew Brooks
3. **APOLOGIES**– Simon Bower, J Clark, D Pettyfor

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 January 04, 2023 to be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

Moved - Neil Tubb and seconded Annette Aldersea

Please note that these minutes were forwarded to members and NMC on January 05, 2023 but were not included on the agenda for the NMC's January 30, 2023 meeting,

6.BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

PROMOTIONAL ISSUES:

6.1. Signage for Longford Roundabout (cf minutes of November 02 and December 07, 2022, 7.1).

Cr M Brooks raised this issue at NMC meeting Jan 30, 2023, unfortunately no progress. Member again spoke of a sign such as are at Perth.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Moved B Baker, seconded D Bester

'The LLDC requests that the NMC provide a report on the 'Longford' sign on the roundabout on the northern side of Longford, as to why this issue has not progressed'

CARRIED

6.2. Traffic study of main street (cf minutes 7.2) further discussions on reducing speed limits in the town. Peter Munro flagged in 'Other business' that he has requested a report from the EPA.

AESTHETIC ISSUES:

6.3. Pullover area on Pateena Road (cf minutes 7.5 from November 02 & 7.5 from December 07, 7.4 from January 04, 2023),

Motion from December 07, 2022 meeting "That NMC consider viewing area with platform at historic Newry corner, and that LLDC delegation meet with NMC officers on site, to discuss our proposals"

The NMC at its meeting on January 30, 2022 and voted unanimously that 'Council officers meet with LLDC members on site at Newry Corner and provide a report back to Council about the proposal including infrastructure requirements and associated costs, for consideration.'

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Moved N Tubb, seconded A Aldersea.

'The LLDC wishes to express its appreciation in progressing our suggestion of a viewing platform being constructed on Newry Corner'.

CARRIED

Plan: A. Aldersea will organize a suitable time for an on-site meeting of LLDC members, prior to meeting NMC officers.

SAFETY ISSUES:

6.4 Illawarra Road Response State Growth nothing further

Cr M Brooks said he raised this issue at the BNMC meeting on January 30, 2023. The outcome is disappointing, Cr Adams said it now depends on the Tasmanian Government's State Growth department putting it in for a further planning and budgetary consideration for that.

SAFETY & AESTHETIC ISSUE:

6.5 Wellington & Marlborough Streets Intersection (Sticky Beaks) – (cf minutes from Dec 07, 2022 item 7.8 - Motion 'In acknowledgement of the historical importance of Longford's Heritage precinct, concerns for safety, and disapproval within the community, we respectfully request that NMC remove the large concrete blocks and yellow bollards from the corner and replace with black bollards, similar to those outside town hall.' Carried at our last meeting, however this motion has yet to be presented to the NMC meeting.

The issue was discussed at NMC's December 12, 2022 which hadn't seen our motion then, nor at its January 30 meeting. However NMC officers are doing a report re the various issues associated with that corner.

6.6 Environmental & noxious weeds (cf minutes 10.4 from October 07, and 7.9 from November 02, 7.9 from December 07, 2022)

L Wyatt of NMC said NMC is doing a plan, and it will include a calendar; and on the website is a 'Weed Action Plan' albeit from 2011; and will
Ongoing work of making the NMC website more user friendly.

6.7 Induction –Lorraine Wyatt stated that after new committees are appointed in June 2023 this issue will need to be done.

Committee agreed to remove this topic from the agenda.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT ISSUES

6.8 Bendigo Bank Community Branch for Longford - A. Aldersea was thanked by the Committee for developing a 9 page summary of what is required for any business to undertake this proposition.

6.9 Planting in the garden beds of the Village Green, in particular the corner of Wellington and Archer Streets.

B Baker reported the Garden Club was not able to assist.
Committee agreed to remove this topic from the agenda.

6.10 Parking in Marlborough Street – P Munro said he had spoken to 4 businesses in the main street earlier in the day, and none reported any problems.

Committee agreed to remove this topic from the agenda.

RECREATIONAL ISSUE:

6.11 Access to levee banks (T. Flanagan) – Initially High Street to Malcombe Street

COMMITTEE RECOMMEDATION

Moved A Aldersea, seconded B Baker.

That the NMC consider creating a walking track along the levee from High Street to Malcombe Street'.

CARRIED

7 NEW BUSINESS

PROMOTIONAL ISSUES:

7.1 Motor racing themed Street Sign in Longford

This is an idea Jan Pitt passed on to Neil Tubb and is analogous to the Trout adornments to the street signs in Cressy. Suggestions included a small, chequered flag, analogous to the tartan used on street signs in Bothwell. It was thought this may be stated as part of the Wellington Street upgrade.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Moved N Tubb, seconded D Bester.

'That the NMC consider new street signs that promote motor-racing'.

CARRIED

7.2 Longford Tourism – Street Map and Where to Find?

Issue raised by N. Tubb, who showed the committee a series of former ones used in Longford, and other members had them from St Helens and Oatlands.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Moved N Tubb, seconded A Aldersea.

'That existing Longford tourism maps believed to be at the NMC office, be found and redistributed around businesses in Longford.'

CARRIED

LLDC members offered to distribute them around appropriate businesses in our town.

7.3 Norfolk Plains Heritage Collection, currently held at Clarendon.

A Aldersea raised this issue.

T Flanagan said this is an old and vexatious one, which was vigorously pursued by former committee member the late Len Langdan without success.

A Aldersea to go and view the collection at Clarendon.

T Flanagan to speak to Woolmers re whether they would have space where this collection could be securely stored, with a view to displaying it.

7.4 March long weekend in Longford/Motorama – A Aldersea raised this issue. T Flanagan reminded members that this issue has received considerable publicity in the media as the original proponent was given a State Government grant and they are seeking to have it repaid to them. D Bester said the event has been reformatted new organisers and will be held at Woolmers.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT ISSUE:

7.5 FOGO (Food organic garden Organic) Bins -.

L Wyatt said pamphlets were to have been delivered.

An interesting discussion ensued, some committee members were surprised tea-bags cannot be put in a FOGO bin, because they contain plastics which leach out and prevent being bio-degraded.

(Tea bags include various plastics most particular I have just done a survey by food grade nylon or polyethylene terephthalate (PET). These teabags begin breaking down and leaching chemicals into water at temperatures well below those used to make tea.

T Flanagan made the point that loose leaftea is plastic free and cheaper, though after being challenged rfe this has done a consumer survey this afternoon (2.2.23) at IgA Express takeaway and for Bushells Tea - 250 g of loose tea leaves costs \$3.75 (= \$1.50 per 100g, and I use 2.5 g every time I make a cup of tea for myself); Tea bags cost \$2.49 for 90 g which contains 50 teabags which comes out at \$2.77 per 100g, or a 180 g packets which contains 100 tea-bags costs \$2.22 per 100g

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION - Motion of thanks and consideration to NMC:

Moved T Flanagan, seconded P Munro

'The LLDC thanks the NMC for providing free FOGO bins, and we look forward to Australia post delivering the explanatory pamphlets'.

CARRIED

RECREATIONAL ISSUE:

7.6 Mill Dam access road – NMC notification of whether open or closed.

L Wyatt said such information is on the NMC website under 'parks and reserves', unless of course the road is closed at a weekend, or on an evening.

8. REPORTS FROM SUBCOMMITTEES

8.1 Railway Committee- Cr Adams reported that Tas Rail have guaranteed \$40,000, which in addition to the \$50,000 already at hand, to complete the project of re-erecting the Greek columns on this bridge. Manufacture of the columns will hopefully start in a few months.

8.2 Longford Legends – The committee met with council officers last week, and 5 legends have been put forward.

8.3 Longford Town Hall Arts Committee – see attachment.

10. OTHER BUSINESS

11.1 Rabbits (D Bester) Due to time constraint, discuss at our March meeting.

11. NMC Meeting dates for 2023:

20 February

20 March

26 April

15 May

26 June

17 July

21 August

18 September

16 October

20 November

11 December

12. CLOSURE- 7.03 pm

13. NEXT MEETING – March 01, 2023

ADDENDA- As promised this afternoon (2.2.'23) I have carried out a consumer survey of tea, at the IgA Express Takeaway in Longford.

For Bushell's Tea:

- Loose leaf tea \$3.75 for a 250 g packet (= \$1.50 per 100g), and I use 2.5 g every time I make a cup of tea for myself.
- Tea bags cost \$2.49 for 90 g packet (= \$2.77 per 100g) and contains 50 teabags
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