

**MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF THE LONGFORD DISTRICT COMMITTEE**  
**WEDNESDAY 6th NOVEMBER 2024. COMMENCING AT 5.30 PM**  
**HELD AT THE WAR MEMORIAL HALL, LONGFORD.**

1. **PRESENT** – Joanne Clarke (Deputy Chair), Annette Aldersea, Bronwyn Baker, Christine Darke, Frances Stewart, Neil Tubb.
2. **IN ATTENDANCE** – Cr Dick Adams. Cr Matthew Brooks, Cr Paul Terrett
3. **APOLOGIES** – Peter Munro, Lesley Pyecroft.

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 pecuniary 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 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2024 confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

Moved – Annette Aldersea. Second – Bron Baker. Carried.

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

**7.0 PROMOTIONAL ISSUES:**

**7.1 Signage for Longford Roundabout.**

LDC received notification from Council that the Department of State Growth will not approve the installation of the Longford roundabout sign until their stipulated conditions have been met. One condition is the removal of two of the entry signs at the northern entrance into Longford.

The LDC was unanimous that it strongly objects to the removal of the significant stone “Longford” wall near the railway line. Committee members believe it has been in place for 40 – 50 years and must not be removed under any circumstances.

- NMC Minute 22 July 2024 – Action Items – 04/07/2024 Engineering Officer Awaiting report from consultant.

- Noted that it is in the NMC Council Budget 24/25 with \$200,000 funding allocated.
- Sign may not go in until roundabout is repaired.

**ACTION:** Continue to monitor.

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

Motor racing themed signs are installed. LDC notes there is incorrect information on the William Street sign, and spelling error on the Village Green sign (ie. Northan Midlands).

- Neil Tubb has put a Works Request in to NMC and work is in progress, not complete.
- Neil Tubb noted that the sign manufacturer has closed down. Council is sourcing another supplier for replacement of incorrect signs.

**ACTION:** Continue to monitor.

## **7.3 Directory of Clubs and other organizations and their branches in Longford – including sign.**

It is proposed to place organisations sign on or near the visitor information booth in the Village Green, and a second sign near Woolmers Lane end of Wellington Street.

- Fiona Dewar NMC has provided a quotation of \$35 - \$40 for each club/organisation emblem.
- On 23<sup>rd</sup> May Ms Dewar provided further details of a quotation she received to manufacture the frames for the club signs of around \$2,550 each. The frame for the Village Green may be slightly less as it will not require poles for installation.

**ACTION IN PROGRESS:**

- Neil Tubb and Annette Aldersea to draft a letter to present to organisations/clubs re: informing them of the proposal, cost for the emblems, and seeking their interest in participation.
- LDC would need to request funding from NMC for the frames.

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

LDC discussed the suitability of using Heritage colours for the signage, consistent with Longford, Brickendon & Woolmers (ie. Oatlands).

**ACTION:** Continue to monitor, considering DSG stance to Longford signage.

## **8.0 SAFETY & AESTHETIC ISSUES:**

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

A revised report – V3 had been prepared and circulated to LDC members. The report includes an alternative suggestion for a pullover point on Woolmers Lane. The committee decided to suggest two options to Council.

**MOTION:** LDC requests that NMC consider a lookout or pullover point at either

- (1) Woolmers Lane on the hill between Woolmers Bridge and Panshanger Road.

or

- (2) Norwich Drive on the southern side opposite number 59.

See attached revised report – V3.1.

NMC Minute 24 June 2024 – DECISION That Council consider the location of the vista / lookout point after a safety check is conducted on site. Carried Unanimously

Annette Aldersea reported that Council Officers report Council Meeting 9<sup>th</sup> July 2024 found both sites problematic,

**MOTION:** LDC request that NMC provide clarification regarding request for a pullover viewing area with respect to why the proposed Norwich Drive location is problematic.

Moved – Annette Aldersea. Second – Bron Baker. Carried unanimously.

NMC Minute No. 24/0264 Decision: That Council investigates alternate viewing locations.

**ACTION.** In the meantime, LDC will check the speed limit on Norwich Drive. LDC to follow up in January and ask for an update from NMC. (Frances Stewart suggests Point Road alternative)

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

LDC discussed the lengthy delay since community members met with Minister Michael Ferguson and Garry Hills DSG, onsite 9<sup>th</sup> March 2023, to discuss the safety concerns regarding the large concrete planter boxes. The Minister gave his assurance at this meeting that an independent traffic study of the intersection would take place.

LDC discussed further, agreed it should be left turn only out of Wellington Street on to Marlborough Street, and left turn only out of William Street. Peter Munro noted the request to change the Give Way sign to a Stop Sign

- NMC Minutes 22 July 2024 -Action Items – 10/07/2024 Engineering Officer Awaiting information from the Department of State Growth. Council moved a motion to lobby State Growth regarding the roundabout, Sticky Beaks corner, pedestrian safety etc.
- Peter Munro noted the number of times recommendations have been put forward by LDC, supported by NMC but no action from State Growth, including the request to change the Give Way on Wellington Street sign to a Stop Sign, for which LDC is still waiting for feedback.
- It is anticipated that DSG will soon engage a consultant to conduct an independent safety survey and report.

**ACTION:** NMC still waiting for response from DSG. Continue to monitor

## **8.3 Environmental & Noxious weeds.**

A Public Forum was held 29<sup>th</sup> May 2024, regarding the Northern Midlands Weed Management Strategy.

- Awaiting report from the consulting firm RMCG to come back to Council.
- NMC Budget Report notes Management Plan review is still in progress.
- Cr Dick Adams reported that NMC held a workshop to update the policy, which is close to being finalized. It is a Government issue to allocate funding for a Weeds Officer.

**ACTION:** Continue to Monitor.

## **8.4 Wellington Street and Marlborough Street speed limit reduction.**

NMC Executive assistant sent letter to the Minister 12<sup>th</sup> March 2024, and are awaiting a response.

- NMC Minutes 19 August 2024: 9/8/24 Engineering Officer awaiting response from minister.

**ACTION.** Peter Munro suggested approaching Tania Rattray to intervene. Continue to Monitor.

## **8.5 Pedestrian Safety Concerns – Wellington and Marlborough Streets.**

LDC Motion tabled at Council meeting 22.04.2024 – Minute NO: 24/0128

**DECISION:** “That Council note the concerns raised by the Local District Committee and consider the relocation/installation of a refuge in the vicinity of the library in future budget deliberations”.

- NMC Minutes 20<sup>th</sup> May 2024 – Action Items – Matter is under consideration. Residents continue to raise safety concerns for pedestrians.
- NMC Minutes 24 June 2024 – Action items – 17/06/2024 Executive Assistant Letter

sent, DSG Progressing

- NMC Minutes 22 July 2024 – Action items – Matter still under consideration
- NMC Minutes 19 August 2024 – Action Items – Council unanimous in decision that speed limit should be set to 50km/hr.

**ACTION.** Continue to Monitor.

### **8.6 Illawarra Road West of Roundabout – Safety Concerns.**

#### **LLDC Motion tabled at NMC meeting 18th March 2024. Council**

DECISION – MINUTE NO. 24/093.

NMC Minutes 20<sup>th</sup> May 2024 - Action Item - Letter sent by Executive Assistant 18<sup>th</sup> April 2024 to Department of State Growth, awaiting response.

LDC discussed the extremely poor condition of the Longford roundabout which continues to deteriorate. The roundabout has become a major safety concern for the Longford community.

**MOTION:** The LDC requests NMC to seek from the Department of State Growth their maintenance and surveillance program for the Longford roundabout as the poor condition of the surface and sides are of major concern to the community.

Moved – Annette Aldersea. Second – Peter Munro. Carried.

NMC Minute 24 June 2024 – DECISION That Council awaits a response from the Department of State Growth. Carried Unanimously

NMC Update – night works are scheduled to be carried out to patch the roundabout surface, currently delayed due to recent weather conditions.

Frances Stewart noted that noise and traffic monitoring was carried out along Illawarra Road in May 2024 but DSG have withheld the results. Requests from NMC in April 2024 and MVC in May 2024 to lower the speed limit to 90km/hr between Bishopsbourne Road and the Bass Highway have had no response from Dept. Transport. Jen Butler has drafted a Motion to present before Parliament on behalf of landowners to lower the speed limit to 80km/hr.

- LDC Note that surface repair work has been carried out on the roundabout, but is acknowledged temporary fix.
- Frances Stewart noted that Jen Butler will resubmit the lapsed Motion to Parliament.

**ACTION.** Frances Stewart to investigate involving Road Safety Council. Continue to Monitor.

### **8.7 Longford Community Meeting 31/8/2024**

Annette Aldersea reported that the meeting was strongly attended by 350+ members of the Longford community. Motions were put forward and overwhelmingly approved by attendees to request a review by Parliament regarding the development of a refueling depot at Tannery Road.

A motion was also successfully put forward to support the NMC with applying pressure to DSG regarding the ongoing issues before DSG mentioned in these minutes, namely:

- Condition of Longford Roundabout (currently bandaid solution)
- Cyclist & Pedestrian Safety – Pateena Road to Longford (Viaduct access?)
- Sticky Beaks Corner – Traffic & safety concerns
- Improving pedestrian safety in Longford
- Requests a new traffic and noise level survey on Wellington and Marlborough Streets Longford be carried out urgently and the results of that survey be given back to Northern Midlands Council to be publicly available.
- Annette Aldersea has received letters from Premier Rockliff and Guy Barnett, which will be followed up.

- Dean Winter was on site at the proposed Truck Stop at 10am on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October to meet with local residents and hear their concerns.
- Jen Butler is putting forward a motion to rescind the decision.
- Annette Aldersea met with Guy Barnett who said Government want to do something to rectify the situation and are currently working through the legalities.

**ACTION:** LDC to put forward a recommendation to NMC to request DSG conduct traffic and noise level surveys urgently along Tannery Road, Marlborough and Wellington Street and release results to NMC, to check for compliance with Government traffic noise guidelines.

**NOTED that traffic counters are currently on Tannery Rd & Marlborough Street.**

## **9.0 TOWN IMPROVEMENT ISSUES**

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

2 Signs are intended to a) recognize the Longford Racecourse as being the oldest continuous use racecourse in the Southern Hemisphere, according to Tas. Racing, and b) Provide a History Board of prominent horses, jockeys and trainers. Neil Tubb informed LDC that Planning Approval was submitted to NMC on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> August, 2024 which, if no objection in 14 days, can go ahead. NMC would fund landscaping, provide tables and remove a culvert at the site. Tas Racing have undertaken to divert a watercourse. Project is expected to be completed by end September 2024.

LDC Chair congratulated Neil Tubb and Dennis Pettyfor for their considerable work on this project.

- Neil Tubb reported that they have relocated and fixed the fence. Landscaping has started and TasRacing says signage to be completed before Christmas.
- Annette Aldersea noted tha the sign is completed.
- Cr Dick Adams suggested a QR code for more information. Neil Tubb responded that NMC advise a QR code can happen but needs it to be linked, like Legends.

**ACTION:** Continue to Monitor

### **9.2 Longford Streetscape – Wellington Street upgrade – redirection of funds.**

Council Minute No: 24/0122 - Council has approved redirection of the funds to a shared pathway from Longford Village Green to the Mill Dam boundary only on Council land, plus improvements to dog park, installation of Longford Railway Bridge Pillars, Installation of security fencing along north boundary of dog park and railway line to river.

- NMC 4<sup>th</sup> June 2024. LDC discussed that the path along the old levee bank should not be concreted to retain the rural ambience of Longford.

**MOTION:** The LLDC requests that the NMC not proceed with the sealing of the pathway along the old levee bank between Latour and Union Streets. And, that directional signage be installed for cyclists and pedestrians leading them to the existing path around the velodrome and Longford Legends Walk.

Moved – Annette Aldersea. Second – Bron Baker. Carried.

NMC Minutes 24 June 2024 DECISION: That Council rescind the decision and a report be brought back to the next Council Meeting. CARRIED

- NMC Minutes 22 July 2024 – Action Items – 04/07/2024 Engineering Officer Report prepared
- Annette Aldersea reported that LDC’s request to NMC was successful and Council moved to redirect the concreting to the pathway from Smith St to Union St.
- Annette Aldersea questioned whether the installation of light bollards on the old levee is

still planned – in which case, could the number be reduced as the light produced may be excessive.

- LDC note work has commenced on the pathway on Union Street and path under the Rail Bridge, and is continuing.
- Hawthorn hedge is to be shifted.

**ACTION: Monitor**

### **9.3 Longford Lawn Cemetery - Landscaping Improvements.**

LDC prepared a report after visiting the cemetery in April, on improving the landscaping and therefore the amenity of the cemetery. LDC motion and report tabled at NMC meeting 20<sup>th</sup> May 2024. Council decision – That Council note the report.

- Officer reports that some roses are being replaced, new soil added, and a new irrigation system installed at the rose area in the cemetery.
- LDC note that the request for a seat under the trees and more trees for shade are still outstanding, with the only existing seat being out in full sun.
- Peter Munro requested an update from Vivian Tan at Council for an update, and thanked Council for the work done to date, being much appreciated. Irrigation is yet to go in.
- Requested trees to shade the seats are still an outstanding item.

**ACTION: Continue to monitor.**

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

Rear of Hill Street a perfect location.

- Peter Munro reported still waiting for a call from Hill St Management. An approach has been made by Charles Gregory, Secretary Australian Electric Vehicle Association Tas, claiming that site as perfect.
- Maree Bricknell follow-up email requesting suggested sites.
- Cr Dick Adams advised NMC is looking at alternatives, such as near the Memorial Hall, which would be suitable as a Northern Midlands Council owned site.

**ACTION: Peter Munro to continue follow up with Tim and contact Hill Street Head Office.**

### **9.5 New Public Toilets Marlborough Street.**

Proposed location at rear of car park next to Harcourts. They have no objection to toilets if they will be maintained by Council, would also prefer that CCTV cameras are installed.

Cr. Brooks noted Council has provided new toilets the the War Memorial Hall, and suggested reopening toilets at Longford Town Hall may be an option.

Jo Clarke noted that people are currently using the laneway beside Joe's Takeaway, and queried whether the toilets, including the new ones at Laycock Park, need security. It was recommended that toilet design should be vandal proof, with one suggestion being hand dryers be placed outside the toilet cubicle so CCTV monitoring would be possible.

**ACTION: Jo Clarke to follow up with Carlton Dixon regarding Marlborough Street site.**

**Viv Tan to be asked whether Laycock Street toilets are vandal proof. Continue to Monitor**

## **10.0 RECREATIONAL ISSUES:**

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

LDC included ongoing maintenance and upgrades in its budget requests to Council.

Council is waiting on a further concept plan to be prepared and presented.

- NMC Minutes 22 July 2024 – Action items – 30/04/2024 Matter to be further presented to Councillors at a workshop after July 2024

- Cr. Brooks reported Council had a meeting regarding this. Land ownership is to be investigated as the property has multiple owners including Swifts, Hydro etc.
- NMC Budget indicated a Mill Dam Recreation Area Masterplan, recognizing the popularity of the area, has now been developed for improvements and budget allocation as a Priority Project. Improvements include shared pathways, flood debris deflectors, landscaping and furniture.
- Annette Aldersea advised that work is in progress with many trees having been planted, weeds have been sprayed and logs placed for direction of 4WD vehicles.

**ACTION: Monitor with Council.**

### **10.2 The Missing Link – Lack of bikeways between Longford roundabout & Pateena Road.**

The council considered LLDC Motion at 19.02.2024 meeting.

- 03/2024 Engineering Officer Council Officer has contacted Vanessa King, manager project delivery at the Department of State Growth and requested an update on this project. Awaiting response.
- 12/04/2024 Engineering Officer Response received from Luke Middleton of the Department of State Growth. The general manager has written to the Department of State Growth after receiving this response and advised that Council will continue to lobby for this path to be constructed as part of the Illawarra upgrade works to be carried out by the Department of State Growth.
- NMC Action Items list – NMC Minutes 20<sup>th</sup> May 2024 – Engineering Officer, Executive and Communication Officers awaiting further information from State Growth.
- NMC Minutes 22 July 2024 – Action items – 17/06/2024 Executive Assistant Letter sent, DSG Progressing.
- LDC noted the significant importance of a bike link between Longford and Perth. Monitor
- DSG response to NMC that bridges are too old and frail to support a pedestrian and bicycle access pathway.
- Christine Darke noted the bridges are dirty and in need of maintenance.
- Cr Paul Terrett suggested writing to Rebecca White on the issue.

**MOTION:** The LDC requests NMC to approach Department of State Growth to provide weight ratings for the bridges on Illawarra Road between Mountford Hill and Bishopsbourne Road to verify their suitability for their current and future use, since there are no plans to strengthen them as part of the heavy vehicle freight corridor, and to detail their unsuitability for pedestrian and bicycle access.

**MOVED:** Frances Stewart. **SECONDED:** Neil Tubb. Carried Unanimously.

**NMC Minute No. 24/0333 Decision:** That Council follow up the request to the Department of State Growth.

**Officer Comment:** Email has been sent to the Department of State Growth. Awaiting their response.

**ACTION: Monitor with Council. Peter Munro to contact Bike Association regarding ideas and feedback on the suitability of using the Railway Bridge as an alternative**

## **10.5 Community House @ old Police Station**

Peter Munro raised a question regarding the NMC acquisition of the old Police station for repurposing as a community/neighbourhood house for Longford residents.

- Cr. Brooks advised that NMC is waiting to see if the building can be acquired and that the Mayor is conducting meetings with the community, such as Helping Hands, to gain input regarding such a facility.
- Annette Aldersea noted from NMC Community Infrastructure Projects that NMC is advocating for assistance from State Funding for the transfer of the property's ownership as a community lease and for funding to repurpose the residence as a Neighbourhood House style service with youth space, while the former police station would be converted to multi-purpose, community friendly meeting spaces. The surrounding land would become public green open space.
- Peter Munro has asked Des Jennings about availability of emergency generators for periods of power blackouts.
- Cr. Dick Adams advised that the official Emergency Centre is the Longford Town Hall and planned solar panels with a battery will be additional insurance in time of blackout.
- Joanne Clarke and Bron Baker noted that one of the main issues for elderly residents during the recent weather event and power outages was their inability to find somewhere warm.
- Frances Stewart noted that Motivity Fitness stepped up during the recent weather emergency to offer showers, power for charging communication devices, hot drinks etc.

**ACTION:** Continue to Monitor progress and discuss means of improving communication on resources available to the community during emergency events.

## **10.6 NMC request for feedback regarding bicycle parking location priorities**

LDC nominates the following two locations as a priority for bicycle parking facilities:

1. Village Green precinct, as close as practical to JJ's.
2. Browns/Hill St Supermarket.

**ACTION:** Continue to monitor

## **11.0 HERITAGE ISSUES:**

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

The aim of which is to identify trees and vegetation of high community value and significance, worthy of protection by being included in the Significant Trees List.

There is also the National Trust Tree Nomination Form which can be found at:

[National Trust - Nomination Form \(trusttrees.org.au\)](http://trusttrees.org.au) for more information.

Annette Aldersea spoke with a National Trust representative re: current list and collaboration to add more trees to the list.

- New members to LDC were invited to put trees forward for consideration.
- Annette Aldersea to suggest Longford History Society become involved, check whether the old trees on a property in Lewis Street should be listed.
- Annette Aldersea still has not been given the list from NMC.
- It was noted that the trees in Lewis Street needed pruning where impinging over the boundary prior to listing.
- Annette Aldersea informed that the Norfolk Plains Historical Society are coming on board to update the Register.

**ACTION:** Bron Baker to monitor LCC action regarding Elm tree at York Park for precedent.  
Continue to Monitor

## **12.0 GOVERNANCE ISSUES:**

### **12.1 Registry of Action.**

LDC has decided to prepare and maintain its own Registry of Action.

**ACTION:** Annette Aldersea to ask Viv Tan at Council for a Template. Frances Stewart and Annette Aldersea to discuss feasibility. In progress.

### **12.2 LDC Budget Allocation Submission - Results. New Budget 2025-2026.**

LDC Budget Allocation Submission emailed to Council and LDC members 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024.

LDC Projects for which funding was requested include:

- Marlborough Street footpaths – Upgrades will be in concrete  
ACTION: LDC to follow up asking for verification.
- Legends Walk - Continuation of placement of historic stands & plaques \$5,000
- Longford Road Bypass future plan - No funding allocated to Master Planning
- Motor Racing Street Signs – Completed.
- Pedestrian Refuges - Marlborough St \$100,000 allocation provided 2024/25
- ½ Netball/Basketball Park at Velodrome - No funding allocated in 2024/25
- Road Sealing: Marlborough St from Longford Tip to Haslewood St - No funding 24/25
- Environmental & Noxious weeds - Management Plan review in progress.
- Longitudinal Park, William St - No funding allocated in 2024/25
- Mill Dam Reserve - Masterplan now developed for improvements

LDC note that there are no plans at the moment for Outstands along Marlborough Street and suggest one should be placed in front of the yellow shop.

NOTE: NMC Budget Submissions to be in to Council in March 2025. Items can be requested to be included in the March municipal bus tour.

**ACTION:** Peter Munro to follow up Outstands. LDC to monitor projects.

### **12.3 LDC Facebook Page – update contact email & Admins**

Frances Stewart raised Annette Aldersea's suggestion from Public Meeting regarding a community group, and whether there was a way of letting the community know who the LDC members were if they had an issue they wanted to raise.

**MOTION:** The LDC will resurrect the Longford District Committee Facebook Page and link it with the NMC email set up for residents to contact LDC members. **MOVED:** Neil Tubb

**SECONDED:** Frances Stewart. Carried Unanimously.

**NMC Minute No. 24/0344 Decision:** That Council notes the Facebook Page set up for the Longford District Committee.

**Officer Comment:** The email has been set up and ready for the committee to use. Future news and events can be shared from the Council's social media to the Longford District Committee page. The District Committee needs to monitor the Facebook page to ensure that all posts are respectful as they will be responsible for any defamatory comments.

- Peter Munro contacted previous LLDC members and arranged update of Admins, currently Peter Munro and Frances Stewart.
- LDC page has been updated with new LDC contact email information.
- NMC Guidelines for responsibility of managing Facebook page content have been circulated.

**ACTION:** Page description to be updated by Frances Stewart to state LDC's role as being an impartial conduit between Longford community and Council, whilst encouraging respectful comment. Monitor. All LDC members eligible to become Admins.

#### **12.4 Kennel Licences – Review of Guidelines**

Christine Darke to meet with Cr. Paul Terrett to see if a review of kennel licence guidelines is appropriate, given the recent situation of 200 labradoodles having to be rescued, rehabilitated and rehomed within NMC area.

- Cr Paul Terrett attended the meeting and advised that Dogs Tasmania is working with State Government to review the Animal Welfare Guidelines.
- Christine Darke and Cr Paul Terrett are looking at a review of the NMC Kennel Licence Guidelines.
- Christine Darke has submitted a statement document with suggestions (*see attached*) to form the background for a motion to be put forward by LDC to NMC at the next meeting.

**ACTION:** Review the attachment and submit a Motion at the next meeting.

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

#### **13.1 Railway Committee**

The Committee is waiting for Tasrail to come back with an update on the progress of the columns being built for the Railway Bridge.

#### **13.2 Longford Legends**

Four Legends were nominated to NMC to be ratified. Neil Tubb advised there will be a long delay with getting the plaques made. To follow up in February 2025.

#### **13.3 Town Hall Committee**

A meeting was held with Council regarding allocation of funding for maintenance. NMC has put in for a grant for Solar Panels and a Car Charger for the Hall. There are plans to put a drone over the roof. Committee is planning to reinstate timber front doors. The foyer has been upgraded recently, along with toilets as the Town Hall is a registered Emergency Centre. Asbestos has been removed from the Meter Box. Funding has been allocated from Council's maintenance budget for water damage repairs.

#### **13.4 Arts & Cultural Committee**

Christmas Group are working on organizing a function for December.  
Christ Church Hall is hosting an art exhibition during Longford Blooms.

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

#### **14.1 Shopfront Christmas Window Competition**

Christine Darke suggested NMC run a Christmas window decoration competition for Longford businesses.

**ACTION:** LDC to approach Rotary next May to suggest they run the competition.

#### **14.2 Vulnerable Local Residents**

Frances Stewart proposes to ask NMC to circulate a questionnaire to residents with regard to local emergencies and vulnerable status, ie. do they have telephone or internet access, and do they have a support person to check if they are ok in times of power blackouts (and at other times) etc.

- Joanne Clarke advised that Helping Hands have increased open times to 2 hours, Tue – Fri.
- Cr. Dick Adams suggested follow up with Red Cross check-in phone service.

**ACTION:** Discuss further at next meeting.

#### **14.3 Annual NMC Municipal Bus Tour – Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March, 2025**

#### 14.4 Draft Longford Expansion Strategy

Annette Aldersea has provided a copy of the Strategy document for discussion (*see attached Draft for Community Consultation*)

- Peter Munro suggested the Strategy should include traffic management planning, including investigation of a Longford bypass.
- A voluntary LDC meeting to discuss and prepare a group submission/response is to be held next Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November at 4pm upstairs (rear stairs) at the Library.

#### 14.5 JBS Illuminated Sign permit application

Annette Aldersea has provided a copy of the permit application for discussion *see attached PLN-24-0139*).

- Consensus was that there is sufficient signage to the JBS site already in place and that additional Illuminated signage in that area is undesirable.
- Annette Aldersea advised that individual submissions and objections must be lodged with Council by **12<sup>th</sup> November**.

#### 14.6 LDC Member numbers and meeting attendance.

Noted that guidelines require members do not miss more than 3 consecutive meetings or their membership may lapse. Contact to be made with non-attending members to hopefully resolve any issue. Viv Tas may be requested to re-advertise vacant positions to ensure a quorum.

#### 14.7 Tasmulch expansion to bulk landscaping supply – dust issues.

To discuss at next meeting.

#### 14.8 New Ambulance Station in Light Industrial area on Union Street – Noise concerns.

To discuss at next meeting.

#### **CHANGE OF DATE - NMC District Committee's Christmas Function**

Christmas Dinner for District Committee members is now to be held from 6pm on Wednesday  
**Please RSVP to Viv Tan at NMC and advise any dietary requirements.**

#### **NMC Meeting dates for 2024/2025, Meeting starts 5:00pm:**

18 <sup>th</sup> November	14 <sup>th</sup> April * 2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday	15 <sup>th</sup> September
9 <sup>th</sup> December	19 <sup>th</sup> May	20 <sup>th</sup> October
20 <sup>th</sup> January	23 <sup>rd</sup> June * 4 <sup>th</sup> Monday	17 <sup>th</sup> November
17 <sup>th</sup> February	21 <sup>st</sup> July	15 <sup>th</sup> December
17 <sup>th</sup> March	18 <sup>th</sup> August	

#### **LDC Meeting dates for 2024/2025, Meeting starts 5:30pm:**

5 <sup>th</sup> February	4 <sup>th</sup> June	1 <sup>st</sup> October
5 <sup>th</sup> March	2 <sup>nd</sup> July	5 <sup>th</sup> November
2 <sup>nd</sup> April	6 <sup>th</sup> August	3 <sup>rd</sup> December
7 <sup>th</sup> May	3 <sup>rd</sup> September	

**10. CLOSURE**- Chair closed the meeting at 7:15pm.

**The next meeting will be at 5:30 pm on WEDNESDAY 4th DECEMBER 2024 at the Longford War Memorial Hall, Meeting Room 1.**

## **KENNEL LICENCES**

### **DOGS REGISTERED WITH THE TASMANIAN CANINE ASSOCIATION INC TRADING AS DOGS TASMANIA.**

- Above 8 dogs - special licence required for more dogs.
- Dogs over the age of 10years exempt. Requirement of proof - perusal of documented date of birth and microchip number.

### **DOGS NOT REGISTERED WITH DOGS TASMANIA** **Northern Midlands Requirements**

- Compulsory licence to breed.
- Application to NMC to breed
- Check conditions
- NMC have right to spot checks. (this should control the number of dogs and puppies in the municipality) - It should also help control any Puppy farms/puppy mills taking hold in the NMC area.
- Compulsory microchip of all puppies in litter/s.
- 1st vaccination and vet check certificate of all puppies in a litter.

(I can draw up a vet check form, that would be available from NMC.)

- Dogs over the age of 10years exempt. Requirement of proof - perusal of documented date of birth (could be vaccination certificate) and microchip.

## **WORKING FARM DOGS**

- There is an urgent need to look into the working dogs situated in towns. As the requirement of 2 dogs per household in the NMC municipality, should apply to everyone.
- A kennel licence would help keep unruly dogs in check. A special licence for Farm/working dogs - Maybe discounted fees?
- In the municipality - Good runs. Proper disposal of faeces and bones.
- Out of town area, Registered farm dogs - checking of conditions.
- Maybe another Dog Control Officer is needed to be able to service these areas.

The above (working farm dogs) is of immediate concern.

I have witnessed the consequences of two neighbours with working farm dogs.

### **Situation 1.**

Within the Campbell Town boundary -

4 x kelpies - when the owner did not take these dogs with him - they constantly barked, off and on with any movement 7am - 5.,00pm.

On occasion the gate was left open - two incidents - I was in my front yard (our fence was wire - a farm fence). Two dogs approached my boundary. I waved them to go away as I had 4 cavaliers behind me - I was then attacked through the fence - barking, growling, tail up and hair on back standing up, this dog would have killed my cavaliers if it jumped the fence. I rang the NMC dog control officer she rang the police who contacted the owner, I was confronted by the owner, when I explained he promised to keep the gate closed.

## **Situation 2.**

This second situation was extremely confronting.

An elderly farmer who every year came to his boundary (top of Broad Street C/T) to clip the grass around his no through road sign, the gate was left open with 4 kelpies roaming - two kelpies were attacking him, I couldn't go out as one of these attacked me, I watched on in disbelief, he managed to get into his car, the Dog control officer, has proof of this happening, sadly the elderly man did not take it any further, two dogs even chased his car up the road. Another neighbour continually complained of the barking, but the Dog control officer had her hands tied.

## **Situation 3.**

3 dogs on house block - 2 smithfields, 1 kelpie.

The kelpie had come through our gate and attacked our young labrador - our gates had to be closed from then on.

One older smithfield was kept in an enclosed run, out of sight.

One sadly was able to be seen from the road (Broad Street) this young puppy used to be walked, as he was older - he was chained to a kennel, which allowed him to run around his kennel. He had worn down the dirt to around 1ft in depth around his kennel area, when it rained that run filled with water and the dog was in water. Faces were never picked up. The smell in the hot weather was putrid. He was rarely used as a working dog. The RSPCA was involved. Am not sure if the NMC was involved. Neighbours have complained.

These are my experiences with two neighbours with working/farm dogs.

This is why the current dog laws for these working/farm dogs urgently need reform. After the horrors of the "Labradoodle" situation and bad publicity it maybe seen that the NMC is taking action, that this will never happen again.

I am hoping these ideas(a backbone)will be a start to try to organise all these dog situations that are getting out of hand.

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