

**MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF THE LLDC**  
**WEDNESDAY 5<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2024. COMMENCING AT 5.30 PM**  
**HELD AT THE BLENHEIM INN MEETING ROOM.**

**MINUTES**

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

**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 8<sup>th</sup> MAY 2024 confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

Moved – Bron Baker. Second – Neil Tubb. Carried.

**7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

## **7.PROMOTIONAL ISSUES:**

### **7.1. Signage for Longford Roundabout.**

LLDC 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 LLDC 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 20<sup>th</sup> May 2024 – Action Items - The structure is currently being reviewed by an engineering consultant.

Vivien Tan NMC advised by email 4<sup>th</sup> June that there has been no further decision to date on this matter.

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

Motor racing themed signs are currently being installed. Unfortunately, the heritage style signs along Wellington Street are very difficult to read, the lettering for the street names is too small.

#### **MOTION:**

The LLDC regrets that on Wellington Street the new motor racing themed heritage style street signage is not as per the sample provided to the LLDC and are difficult to read and requests that the NMC suspend further installation of these signs until these issues are resolved.

Moved - Bron Baker. Second – Dennis Pettyfor. Carried

### **7.3. Visitors Information Shelter, Village Green Landscaping - corner of Archer and Wellington Streets.**

The beds have been prepared for planting by LLDC and Garden Club volunteers. The working group is currently selecting plant varieties for planting in early Spring.

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

It is proposed to place an organisations sign on or near the visitor information booth in the Village Green, and a second sign near the 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.

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. LLDC would need to request funding from NMC for the frames.

### **7.5. New Promotional Signage either side of Longford Roundabout on Illawarra Road. Continue to monitor considering DSG stance to Longford signage.**

## **8.SAFETY & AESTHETIC ISSUES:**

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

LLDC – Bron Baker and Annette Aldersea revisited Pateena Road for alternative locations 30<sup>th</sup> April. A revised report – V3 had been prepared and circulated to LLDC members. The report includes an alternative suggestion for a pullover point on Woolmers Lane. The committee discussed the report further, disappointing that many options on Pateena Road are compromised by overhead power lines. The committee decided to suggest two options to Council.

#### **MOTION:**

The LLDC requests that the 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.

Moved – Dennis Pettyfor. Second – Neil Tubb. Carried.

### **8.2. Wellington & Marlborough Streets Intersection (Sticky Beaks) – Council has written to the Minister.**

LLDC 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.

LLDC 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.

Council Minutes 20.05.2024 – Action Items – The NMC Executive has a meeting scheduled with the General Manager of the Department of State Growth. 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. Bron Baker and Annette Aldersea attended. A report from the consulting firm RMCG to come back to Council.

### **8.4. Vision Impaired Markers.**

Nothing further. Remove from Agenda.

### **8.5. 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.

Resident Derek who has mobility issues raised his concerns about the speed limit on the main street of Longford with Council. Tim Flanagan met with Derek who has difficulty exiting and entering his property on Marlborough Street. Derek would like to see the speed limit reduced to 50KMH.

Continue to monitor.

**8.6. Pedestrian Safety Concerns – Wellington and Marlborough Streets.**

LLDC 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.

**8.7. Illawarra Road West of Roundabout – Safety Concerns.**

LLDC Motion tabled at NMC meeting 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

LLDC 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 LLDC 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.

**9. TOWN IMPROVEMENT ISSUES**

**9.1. Longford Racecourse Heritage signage for the Cracroft and Anstey Street corner.**  
Still waiting on crown approval for the signage etc. 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.

LLDC concerned there will not be any community consultation as confirmed in an email from Vivien Tan NMC 4<sup>th</sup> June 2024. LLDC 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.

**9.3. Shower for Public Use – Longford Memorial Hall.**

Works are currently underway to upgrade existing toilets facing Village Green to include a shower. Shower to also to be installed in new parents’ room at the rear of the hall.

Vivian Tan NMC has advised that the showers are token or coin operated. The cost will be \$2 or one token per 4 minutes. Tokens will only be available from Council chambers at this stage. Continue to monitor.

**9.4. "Mulga Fred" – The Poem.**

Discussions re: installation of a QR Code to include the poem and possibly other information at the Fred Davies Memorial. More information for discussion to follow.

**9.5. Dual Naming of Longford Streets.**

Tim Flanagan provided an interesting report on William Street, being named after King William. Remove from Agenda.

**9.6. Longford Lawn Cemetery - Landscaping Improvements.**

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

**9.7. EV Charging Site in Longford.**

Rear of Hill Street a perfect location. Discuss further next meeting and continue to monitor progress.

**9.8. 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. LLDC still to speak to property owner. Further discussion next meeting.

**10.RECREATIONAL ISSUES:**

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

LLDC included ongoing maintenance and upgrades in its budget requests to Council. Council is waiting on a further concept plan to be prepared and presented to Councillors at a workshop after July 2024. Monitor.

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

Council considered LLDC Motion at 19.02.2024 meeting.

Included on NMC Action Items list – NMC Minutes 20<sup>th</sup> May 2024 – Engineering Officer, Executive and Communication Officers awaiting further information from State Growth. Monitor.

**11.HERITAGE ISSUES:**

**11.1. Significant Trees Register.**

Vivien Tan NMC advised that if the LLDC have any trees that we would consider being included in the Significant Trees Register, to please create a consolidated list. 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 \(trusttrees.org.au\)](https://www.trusttrees.org.au) for more information.

Annette Aldersea to speak to a National Trust representative re: current list and collaboration to add more trees to the list. Monitor progress.

## **12. GOVERNANCE ISSUES:**

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

MOU complete. This is the last meeting for this committee's term. Remove from Agenda.

### **12.2.** Project Allocation for funds of \$2,500 in lieu of secretarial support for LLDC in 2023.

Ongoing for Landscaping at the Longford Racecourse heritage sign and outside the Visitor Information Shelter Village Green. Continue to monitor.

### **12.3.** Registry of Action.

LLDC has decided to prepare and maintain its own Registry of Action.  
Discuss further at next meeting.

### **12.4.** LLDC Budget Allocation Submission.

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

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

**13.1.** Railway Committee – No report (Cr Adams not present).

**13.2.** Longford Legends – Currently considering 3-4 nominations for new plaques.

**13.3.** Town Hall Committee – Minutes of 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2024 meeting tabled. Hall committee discussed committee purpose and holding community consultation to gather stories and views on restoration and development of the hall going forward.

**13.4.** Arts and Cultural Committee – No new report.

## **14. NEW BUSINESS:**

### **14.1.** Cleaning of existing street signs – Bron Baker.

Street signs need cleaning, she has already lodged a customer service request with Council. An audit of missing street signs may also be needed.

**14.2.** Lock on female toilet at Memorial Hall always showing vacant even when occupied – Doug Bester. Advised to submit a customer service request.

Chair Tim Flanagan thanked all LLDC committee members for their commitment and time on the committee. Neil Tubb responded on behalf of all committee members thanking Tim Flanagan for his excellent work as chair, and acknowledging all the volunteer work he has carried out and will continue to do for the Longford community which is much appreciated.

**15. NMC Meeting dates for 2024**

20<sup>th</sup> May

24<sup>th</sup> June

22<sup>nd</sup> July

19<sup>th</sup> August

16<sup>th</sup> September

21<sup>st</sup> October

18<sup>th</sup> November

9<sup>th</sup> December

**16. CLOSURE**- 7.00pm.

**17. NEXT LLDC MEETING** – WEDNESDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> JULY 2024 – Longford Memorial Hall Meeting Room.

Longford Local District Committee (LLDC)  
- Pateena Road/Woolmers Lane Vista Point Proposal – V3.1  
- Revised Suggested Locations – JUNE 2024  
(following LLDC onsite re-visit 30<sup>th</sup> April 2024)

**Revised Proposed Locations:  
(in no particular order)**

**1:  
Norwich Drive –  
Verge opposite No: 59  
(Norwich Homestead)**



Pullover Point.  
Magnificent views.  
Directional signage would be needed on Pateena Road.  
Site would need to be sealed.  
Interpretive signage.  
No need for viewing platform.



Concerns:  
Site is one kilometre off Pateena Road.  
Residents' approval needed for proposal.



**2.  
Woolmers Lane –  
Opposite old Woolmers  
Entrance.**



Magnificent view, including river.  
More elevated, expansive view than that at Woolmers Bridge parking area.  
Would need area built up to level and seal.

Concerns:  
May need to acquire private land.  
Powerlines cut across edge of the road, however viewing area would be beyond powerlines.

