

## **MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF THE LONGFORD DISTRICT COMMITTEE**

**WEDNESDAY 1 April 2026. COMMENCING AT 5:30 PM  
HELD AT LONGFORD WAR MEMORIAL HALL, MEETING ROOM 1**

1. **PRESENT** – Peter Munro (Chair), Annette Aldersea, Bronwyn Baker, Joanne Clarke, Kenneth Richards, Frances Stewart, Neil Tubb

2. **IN ATTENDANCE** –

3. **APOLOGIES** – Christine Darke, Cr. Dick Adams Cr. Matthew Brooks

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 District Committee held on 4th MARCH, 2026 confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

*MOVED: Annette Aldersea*

*SECONDED: Bronwyn Baker*

*CARRIED*

### **BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

#### **7.0 PROMOTIONAL ISSUES:**

**7.1 Signage for Longford Roundabout.**

*Ref. Addendum to Minutes.*

NMC 17/11/25. Exec Assistant – NMC Works Order to be submitted to Dept. State Growth.

NMC 8/1/26. NMC Officers working with DSG on Crown consent and works permit conditions.

NMC 3/2/26 DSG working on Permit Application.

*Continue to Monitor.*

## **7.2 Proposed relocation of the stone Longford entrance wall to the Woolmers end of Longford.**

*Ref. Addendum to Minutes.*

NMC 17/11/25 Exec Assistant – Information to be forwarded to Dept. State Growth for approval.

NMC 3/12/25 Exec Assistant – Wall to remain in situ. Works permit application to DSG for kerb installation to be submitted.

**ACTION: Continue to monitor.**

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

*Ref. Addendum to Minutes.*

**ACTION: Continue to monitor.**

## **7.4 Directory of Clubs & other organizations & their branches in Longford – including sign.**

*Ref. Addendum to Minutes. Continue to Monitor*

**Budget Request items 2026/27.**

## **7.5 Shopfront Christmas Window Competition**

*Ref. Addendum to Minutes.*

**ACTION: Item closed until July 2026.**

## **7.6 Blue Tree**

7/1/26 Cr. Matthew Brooks asked LDC if there were any suggestions or nominations for a replacement Blue Tree.

4/2/26 Christine Darke suggested a permanent rust metal Blue Tree, possibly cut and erected by the local ironmonger in Longford, as an option – to be quite high, although not as high as previous tree, bolted to a concrete slab and with a cut-out going down the trunk of the tree to spell “BLUE” (which would help alleviate wind pressure). For reference, there are examples online – some with letters “RUOK” on a branch, some painted blue. It would be another landmark for Longford, Solar powered lighting could be added to extend its visibility.

**ACTION: LDC can include a “seeking suggestions for a replacement blue tree” post on LDC Facebook page. Budget Request Items 2026/27.**

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

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

*Ref. Addendum to Minutes. Continue to Monitor*

### **8.2 Wellington & Marlborough Streets – Sticky Beaks Intersection – STOP sign**

*Ref. Addendum to Minutes. 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.

- NMC Weed Management Strategic Plan has been finalized, now needs public awareness and circulation.
- NMC Minutes 10 January 2025 – Strategic Plan to be incorporated into Works Program and future Budgets.
- Cr. Dick Adams noted State Government Funding is available for some weeds control programs.
- 3/9/25 Frances Stewart to ask Vivien @ NMC if an A4 flyer with targeted weed images might be circulated this Spring.
- 1/10/25 Vivien Tan to follow up with with Dept. NRE – North.
- 3/12/25 Vivien Tan circulated to LDC a council flyer from 2019, however there is nothing currently planned due to lack of funds. LDC discussion resolved that this represents a false economy – if the community is unaware of weeds, it rests solely with council employees to control and risks weed populations being missed on private property.
- 7/1/26 Vivien Tan working with NRM North.  
**Budget Request Item 2026/27. 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: 10/1/25 Engineering Officer awaiting response from minister. Noted that a speed camera has a regular presence – which would improve with leaving overnight or early morning.
- NMC Minutes 14/4/25 Engineering Officer awaiting response from State Growth.
- 2/4/25 LDC discussion included comments regarding the high volume of traffic and that farmers prefer 40km/hr.
- NMC Action Items p24. Awaiting response from State Growth 16/6/25.
- 4/8/25 NMC Letter sent to General Manager State Growth.
- 3/9/25 LDC suggest the speed limit reduction to 50kmh should apply throughout Longford and approaches, which would also address some of the safety concerns at Sticky Beaks Corner.
- 1/10/25 LDC discussed this with Inspector Fox. It was noted that these main streets are also pick up & drop off points for school students. Consensus was that with the high volume of heavy traffic, which takes longer to stop in an emergency, a lower speed limit was definitely a reasonable request to reduce risk of further accidents through the township. Discussion was also had regarding the suitability of a STOP sign instead of a Give Way on Wellington Street at Sticky Beak's Corner, which was felt to be a reasonable measure to increase safety. LDC requested Inspector Fox follow up Speed Camera results and crash data, to support the case for a lowered speed limit.
- 3/12/25 NMC 17/11/25 Exec Assistant – Awaiting Traffic Engineer's Report. Inspector Fox follow up - Speed Camera and crash data: "As far as the Speed camera goes – it has been placed on Marlborough Street in the past few weeks but I'm not sure if it has been "active" in the early hours, but I can check. I have asked our traffic police and local police to give the area attention but the early morning time slot creates some issues with rostering and our award compliance with shift start times."
- NMC 12/11/25 Exec Assistant – Awaiting Traffic Engineer's Report for supporting justification or otherwise.

**ACTION: 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.
- Cr. Dick Adams reported that Dept State Growth are considering the request and he will put forward a motion to NMC to fix the dip in the road near the Library/Village Green.
- 5/3/25 Bron Baker spoke to Rebecca White regarding the issue. Discuss as Budget Item.
- 2/4/25 LDC discussed pedestrian island options and a lower speed limit.
- 14/4/25 NMC Action Items: Dept State Growth repairing pavement damage near Lyttleton St and undertaking repairs on Wellington Street. Matter under consideration.
- NMC Action Items p25. Pedestrian Refuge near library under consideration. *No update.*
- 6/8/25 MOTION: Longford District Committee request Northern Midlands Council review the traffic calming option of a flat top road hump on Wellington Street between Sticky Beaks corner and Lyttleton Street and its potential to improve both traffic and pedestrian safety. Longford District Committee ask that, if found to be appropriate, a request be made to State Growth for action.

MOVED: Neil Tubb      SECONDED: Frances Stewart      Carried Unanimously.

- 1/10/2025 NMC Minute No. 25/277: DECISION That Council
  1. note the Longford District Committee concerns;
  2. confirm that this is not a Council owned road and any requests should be directed to the Department of State Growth (DSG); and
  3. advise State Growth of the committee’s concerns.
- 3/12/25 NMC Letter to DSG advising of LDC concerns.

Inspector Fox follow up – Correspondence from Garry Hills, Principal Analyst Traffic Engineering DSG: “Hello Craig – thank you for reaching out to us. There are already a number of pedestrian crossing points on Marlborough Street by way of refuge islands. These are the most appropriate pedestrian facility for this environment, but I expect the local group are wanting priority crossings like zebra markings or traffic signals. Generally, these types of treatments will be very difficult to justify due to the relatively low pedestrian demand and moderate traffic volumes (i.e. people will not generally need to wait long to find a gap in traffic so they can cross – particularly so at the existing refuge island points where users only need to pick a gap in one lane of traffic at a time). Marlborough Street (and Wellington Street to the north of Sticky Beaks corner) is a State road. However, where State roads pass through built-up areas, local Councils are responsible for roadside areas, including parking, footpaths and street furniture and are typically best placed to advise on pedestrian requirements.”

**MOTION 4/3/2026: The Longford District Committee is aware that Northern Midlands Council has received written correspondence from Dept. State Growth relating to items outstanding on**

the Longford District Committee Minutes. The Longford District Committee requests that this correspondence be released and LDC be informed.

MOVED: Neil Tubb

SECONDED: Annette Aldersea

CARRIED

ACTION: Attend Council Meeting to again request release of written correspondence from Dept, State Growth. Continue to Monitor.

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

*Ref. Addendum to Minutes.*

4/3/26 Landowners met with DSG and Tasfarmers representatives to discuss unsafe design issues with Stage 2A and 2B.

ACTION: Monitor only.

#### **8.7 Longford Community Meeting 31/8/2024 regarding proposed Fuel Stop, Tannery Rd.**

*Ref. Addendum to Minutes.*

1/10/25 Annette Aldersea reported that she has met with Tabatha Badger MP for Lyons, who has undertaken to follow up with whether mandatory checks and reports have been provided regarding this project, and various further action that may be taken to continue protesting the suitability of this project.

3/12/25 Inspector Fox raised a Traffic Accident Impact Assessment re. the Fuel Stop.

4/2/26 Annette Aldersea spoke with Jen Butler re. raising again in Parliament.

ACTION: Frances Stewart to follow up with Inspector Fox re. Traffic Accident Impact Assessment. Continue to Monitor

#### **8.8 Tasmulch expansion to bulk landscaping supply – dust issues.**

*Ref. Addendum to Minutes.*

ACTION: Annette Aldersea and neighbours to write a letter to Tasmulch. Annette Aldersea checking Attenuation guidelines.

#### **8.9 A-Double & B-Double 24 hour access on Illawarra and Longford Main Roads.**

Concerns were raised about the effect of the recent A-Doubles and increase in B-Doubles traversing through Longford and the impact upon heritage buildings and noise levels especially during the night.

8/1/25 MOTION: The Longford District Committee requests Northern Midlands Council write to the Minister for Infrastructure, Kerry Vincent, to ask for clarification on when approval for 24 hour access was given to A-Doubles and B-Doubles to access Illawarra Road and Longford main streets, due to noise and vibration issues causing damage to heritage buildings.

Moved: Frances Stewart. Seconded: Neil Tubb. Carried unanimously.

LDC Motion tabled at NMC meeting 20th January 2025.

COUNCIL DECISION – MINUTE NO. 25/007. That Council Officer investigates and seeks clarification from the Department of State Growth.

- NMC Minutes 14/4/25 - Action Item – Engineering Officer awaiting response from DSG.
- Annette Aldersea reported that Minister Kerry Vincent appeared unaware that A-Doubles have access to Illawarra Road and Longford. To clarify with Minister.
- 4/6/25 Item has been removed from NMC Minutes without conclusion.
- Discussion re: possibility of a truck curfew. Peter Munro suggested door knocking residents first to gauge support.
- NMC Meeting 7/7/2025 Item 4.1 Review Heavy Vehicle Routes within municipal areas.
- 3/9/25 LDC discussion whether a permanent speed camera and more traffic calming

measures may encourage compliance with speed limit overnight.

- 1/10/25 LDC discussed this with Inspector Craig Fox, including lowering of speed limit on main streets, (extending down Woolmers Lane South of Brickendon to change 60kmh to 50kmh). Again, the request was for Inspector Fox to follow up speed camera and noise logging results, if possible, to verify the impact of noise and suitability of imposing a night time curfew for heavy vehicles which are diverting from the Midland Highway.
- 9/12/25 NMC Exec Assistant – Works Manager to meet with DSG representatives.
- Peter Munro has forwarded footage of trucks to NHVR and Police.

**ACTION:** Peter Munro to contact NHVR with request to impose curfew for freight vehicles within Longford during 10pm-6am to reduce noise disturbance and vibration issues. Frances Stewart to follow up with Inspector Fox regarding speed camera & noise logging data. Continue to Monitor.

### **8.10 Marlborough Street beautification of Footpath, Nature Strip & Verge Gardens.**

2/4/25 Peter Munro raised the Marlborough Street need for beautification of footpath, specifically the current lack of trees and shade. It was suggested that if NMC could provide a list of suitable tree options for uniformity, a door knock with a flyer could be prepared for relevant resident feedback.

2/7/25 Peter Munro to speak to NMC General Manager Des Jennings re: door knocking.

NMC Special Meeting Budget 4.1.1. Streetscape – Lyttleton, Lator, Union Streets.

3/9/25 Bron Baker presented images of nature strip plantings as examples.

1/4/26 Peter Munro and Neil Tubb briefed Council members during their annual bus tour, focusing on the pedestrian access to the Yellow Shop, with regard to lowering the speed limit, installing a Pedestrian Island and requesting a traffic and speed count.

**ACTION:** Budget Request Item 2026/27. Peter Munro to discuss with Acting General Manager, NMC regarding tree options, door knocking, request for feedback on LDC Facebook etc.

### **8.11 Hill Street Entry/Exit**

Christine Darke raised the idea of having a separate exit onto Wellington Street at Hill Street, adjacent to the BWS, to reduce the increasing congestion of vehicles turning out of the United Service Station which clashes with the vehicles turning in and out of Hill Street Car Park, resulting in a high number of accidents. Discussion was had regarding the necessity of an alternative to the current arrangement, along with the idea of a roundabout at the intersection of Wellington and Union Streets with exiting traffic re-routed behind Hill Street and businesses in Union Street.

2/07/25 Further discussion re: roundabout option be investigated, may involve private land and discussions with DSG.

3/12/25 17/11/25 NMC Minute No. 25/338: Notice of Motion: That Council -

1. Acknowledge the ongoing traffic concerns associated with the Hill Street IGA (formerly Brown's Shopping Complex), particularly regarding right-hand turning movements from Hill Street onto Wellington Street, Longford; and
2. Request the DSG to undertake an updated traffic count and review of traffic movements associated with the complex and surrounding road network; and
3. Request that the DSG prepare a revised Traffic Impact Study indentifying possible safety and access improvements, including (but not limited to) the feasibility of a roundabout at the intersection of Union and Wellington Streets; and
4. Seek to engage with the DSG to explore possible options for improving traffic safety and flow in this area. (Cr Terrett/Cr Brooks) NMC Passed Unanimously

9/12/25 NMC Exec Assistant – Letter sent to DSG.

1/4/26 MOTION: Given the lack of progress with Dept. State Growth, the Longford District Committee request that Northern Midlands Council arrange for a new Traffic Report to be completed on Wellington and Marlborough Streets, Longford, with particular attention to Hill Street, due to the high number of dangerous incidents.

MOVED: Frances Stewart

SECONDED: Bron Baker

CARRIED

**ACTION:** [Continue to Monitor.](#)

### **8.12 Recycle Rewards.**

An email regarding the scheme was forwarded by Vivien Tan. Details including website [www.recyclerewards.com.au](http://www.recyclerewards.com.au) to be posted on LDC Facebook page.

3/9/25 LDC discussed gauging public interest through Facebook page in requesting a collection point for Longford since there is none close & whether it could be located at Hill St rear carpark.

3/12/25 Discussion about positives of instigating a program encouraging junior recycling efforts - tidy community, pocket money etc. Bronwyn Baker sent email to Recycle Rewards to request information, with the following summary of response:

To host a machine in your community, the site will need to meet the following requirements:

1. The host must be a registered and operational business.
2. The site must have suitable land available for machine installation.
3. The location must be easily accessible to the public.
4. The site must meet all safety requirements to ensure safe access for customers and drivers.

7/1/26 Request must come from a business regarding location – Peter Munro to ask RSL.

4/2/26 Bron Baker spoke to, then emailed the information about this community opportunity to Simon Froude at Harcourts on January 13, 2026 and had just sent a follow-up email on January 28, 2026. Noted it would need volunteers to manage it. Cr. Brooks suggested locating near the Longford Tip.

4/3/26 Bron Baker had response from Harcourts declining hosting. Discussion regarding alternative sites included approaching Longford RSL, Swifts, NMC Youth Officer re. schools.

1/4/26 Peter Munro & Bron Baker spoke to NMC, which indicated no plans to proceed with this within the next 12 months. Peter Munro reported RSL are keen to host, or potentially Carlton Dixon at the pub. Bron Baker reported a shipping container size one has 4 bins and would be suitable. They have sensors for flagging when full and, if a surge in use, can be collected earlier than scheduled. Solar is being tested on a small machine at Campbell Town. Government approval is required for sites and there are criteria that need to be met. Whoever hosts the unit receive payment for doing so.

**ACTION:** [LDC to Raise Motion to NMC to instigate this program in Longford.](#)

### **8.13 Longford Pong**

Discussion regarding Longford Pong and its worsening effect on Longford living standards. Cr. Matthew Brooks noted that a delegation from NMC was due to tour Swifts abattoir.

Annette Aldersea to draft a motion to request NMC follow up with identifying cause and responsibility of the issue.

MOTION: “The Longford District Committee requests that Northern Midland Council write to the EPA, copying all Lyons MPs, The Minister and Shadow Minister for Environment and Member for McIntyre, asking that the EPA launch a formal investigation into the source of the ongoing unacceptable intermittent odour in Longford known as the “Longford Pong” which, despite mitigation works carried out in recent years at the sewerage treatment plant and JBS

abattoir, now affects a broader area of Longford and has not improved”.

MOVED: Annette Aldersea    SECONDED: Frances Stewart    Carried Unanimously.

1/10/25 LDC discussed raising a petition – Annette Aldersea to contact Tabatha Badger, MP for Lyons regarding an EPetiton.

5/11/25 NMC Minute No 25/308: DECISION: That Council acknowledges the community’s ongoing concerns regarding the intermittent odour in Longford and supports an engagement with the EPA, JBS, TasWater and other stakeholders.

17/11/25 NMC held discussions with Taswater, awaiting further data.

3/12/25 17/11/24 NMC Exec Assistant reported discussions held with Taswater, awaiting further data. NMC has circulated a “Pong Diary” with Vivien Tan providing copies for LDC members to come on board, to monitor incidents. (NOTE: Featured on ABC News 6/11/2025)

7/1/26 EPA have been out with monitoring equipment.

8/1/26 NMC Officers documenting all complaints for forwarding to EPA.

[ACTION: Frances Stewart to ask Vivien Tan when Pong Diaries need to be returned to Council.](#)

#### **8.14 Neighbourhood Watch**

Following discussions in meeting with Inspector Fox regarding Neighbourhood Watch, active in Perth and Evandale, LDC raised gauging interest in reinstating this in Longford.

4/3/25 Peter Munro has spoken to State Director, Neighbourhood Watch and Inspector Fox regarding setting this up.

1/4/26 Peter Munro has posted on LDC Facebook, shared to Longford Tasmanian Community page. (NOTED: Vivien Tan has spoken to NMC IT to fix non-delivery of emails to District Committees).

[ACTION: Monitor Facebook Page for feedback on level of interest in community. Peter Munro to contact Perth Neighbourhood Watch.](#)

#### **8.15 Longford Future Bypass Plan**

Neil Tubb has been approached via email by Bruce Lindsay (*see attached*) with a request to once again raise the issue of a Longford Bypass using gazetted Herbert Road for heavy vehicles. LDC acknowledges that this is an ongoing and unresolved issue which is only going to become more urgent as Longford expands and traffic increases.

MOTION: Longford District Committee requests Northern Midlands Council lobby Department of State Growth to continue to monitor the heavy vehicle traffic count through Longford and provide feedback to Council including heavy vehicle mitigation measures such as night time curfews and future Longford alternative routes outside Longford residential areas.

MOVED: Frances Stewart    SECONDED: Bronwyn Baker    Carried unanimously.

3/12/25 NMC Meeting 17/11/25 Motion passed unanimously.

9/12/25 NMC Works Manager to meet with Dept. State Growth representatives.

[ACTION: Continue to Monitor. Budget Request Items 26/27](#)

#### **8.16 Truck Load Limit around Village Green.**

7/1/26 Annette Aldersea reported that trucks are using Longford Village Green as a turning circle, which is damaging the road surface and is a safety issue.

*Annette Aldersea & Ken Richards left meeting 6:50pm*

LDC discussed requesting NMC impose a load limit on the surrounding streets. LDC to confer with Leigh McCullagh regarding buses, caravans etc having exemptions, whether an option for portable or permanent toilet facilities at the truck stop would be a cheaper option for NMC than ongoing road repairs around the Village Green.

*Annette Aldersea & Ken Richards returned to meeting 6:57pm*

4/2/26 LDC discussed that the Village Green and surrounding streets are within the Heritage Precinct and that trucks are damaging the road pavement and are a safety hazard with the volume of children enjoying the Village Green. Peter Munro provided an example of “No Truck” regulatory signs that George Town Council have used to deter trucks from unnecessarily using certain roads, unless permit or destination exempted (see attached).

26/2/26 Frances Stewart submitted a works request to NMC to place such signage on the entry to Lyttleton and Archer Streets, from Wellington Street, to prevent trucks using the Village Green as a turning circle. Email acknowledgment received from NMC.

1/4/26 Annette Aldersea reported that NMC have placed traffic counters around the Village Green.

**ACTION: Monitor.**

## **9.0 TOWN IMPROVEMENT ISSUES**

### **9.1 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.
- LDC added to Budget Items requested.
- 2/4/25 NMC visited during annual bus tour.
- 7/5/25 Council are considering options for shading the seats.
- 4/6/25 Bronwyn Baker noticed some contractors building something within the Cressy end of the cemetery.
- NMC Meeting 7/7/2025 Budget approved for irrigation \$25,000.

**ACTION: LDC to request a tree as a Budget Request Item 2026/27.**

### **9.2 Lack of river signage at Macquarie River Bridge, Woolmers Lane.**

*Ref. Addendum to Minutes.*

**ACTION: Budget Request Item 2026/27.**

### **9.3 Future plans for abandoned house block on Lyttleton Street.**

*Ref. Addendum to Minutes.*

4/2/26 LDC discussed this site as preferred option for NMC Priority Projects future plan for Library & Exhibition Building (including Motor Sports Museum). Currently no budget allocation.

**ACTION: Budget Request Item 2026/27.**

## **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.
- NMC Executive Assistant has prepared follow up correspondence
- 5/2/25 NMC Executive Assistant meeting scheduled with Landowner JBS early March.
- 5/3/25 LDC noted more planting has occurred.
- 2/4/25 LDC noted weed spraying has been done and discussions are ongoing.
- 14/4/25 NMC Action Items: Council Exec. Assistant had onsite meeting with JBS Plant Manager. Council Officers awaiting a response.
- 2/07/25 – Annette Aldersea to ask Vivien Tan for an update.
- NMC Special Meeting: Wall/Stormwater work deferred. Budget set at \$150,000.
- 6/1/26 NMC Note JBS Plant Manager acknowledged correspondence, is awaiting advice.

[ACTION: Monitor with Council NMC Masterplan.](#)

### **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.
- 31/10/24 Officer Comment: Email has been sent to the Department of State Growth. Awaiting their response. Discussion noted the frequency with which cyclists and pedestrians have been observed crossing the bridges.
- 10/1/25 NMC awaiting response from State Growth.
- 7/2/25 NMC awaiting response from State Growth.
- 2/4/25 Bron Baker called Mayors of Burnie/Wynyard and Break O’Day to discuss their local bike paths. Feedback was it was costly and formed part of Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Scheme.
- NMC awaiting a response from State Growth.
- LDC noted that this is a NMC Priority Project, with Illawarra Rd shared pathway submitted for State Government 2025-26 Budget consideration.
- 2/07/25 – Continue to support NMC as Priority Project.
- 3/12/25 – 17/11/25 NMC Acting General Manager met with DSG to discuss weight ratings.
- 9/1/26 NMC Awaiting agreement documentation from DSG.
- 19/1/26 DSG confirmed there is insufficient width on the current bridges for inclusion of a shared path/footpath and these bridges have insufficient structural capacity to support a shared path which imposes loads outside the bridge piers.
- 1/4/26 Bron Baker raised the idea of acquiring the unused bridge near Glebe Gardens (believed to belong to Joe Pentridge, LCC Councillor) if NMC deemed it suitable for pedestrians and cyclists, with appropriately engineered footings etc. LDC discussed whether the old Illawarra Road route under the viaduct could be cleared and the bridge installed in a location to take advantage of this currently unused access to the river.



**MOTION:** Longford District Committee requests Northern Midlands Council investigate the possibility of acquiring the unused bridge near Glebe Gardens, believed to belong to Joe Pentridge, for cyclists and pedestrians as a solution to the “missing link” off Union Street and across the river, to provide safer access to/from Longford.

**MOVED:** Bron Baker      **SECONDED:** Annette Aldersea      **Carried Unanimously**

**ACTION:** Continue to monitor DSG activity regarding upgrading the bridges and whether pedestrian and cycle path is incorporated with plans for Stage 3 Illawarra Road upgrade. Request update from NMC regarding meeting with DSG.

**10.3 Community House @ old Police Station, including Youth Drop-in Centre (Prev 10.6).**  
*Ref. Addendum to Minutes*

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 & Bron Baker noted that one of the main issues for elderly residents during the recent weather event & 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.
- Joanne Clarke confirmed Helping Hands now open 10am-12pm, 4 days/wk.
- NMC awaiting a decision from Treasury.
- LDC noted that this is a NMC Priority Project.
- 2/07/2025 Noted there are no community houses in the NMC municipality.
- 3/12/25 *Merged Item 10.6 – Youth Drop-in Centre with Community House project. Refer Addendum for history.* LDC note that Libby McGrath is now NMC Youth Officer and that she has been very pro-active in both continuing and implementing youth programs, including Longford.
- 1/4/26 LDC noted that this was a stop on the NMC Council Bus Tour.

**ACTION:** Continue to Monitor progress and discuss means of improving communication on resources available to the community during emergency events. Monitor for any plans by State Government to sell the asset. Monitor plans for future of old ambulance station. Currently there is no State Funding allocated or available. Monitor NMC Minutes for vandalism costs. Frances Stewart to contact Libby McGrath with invitation to attend LDC meeting to discuss how LDC may support her work with local Youth.

#### **10.4 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.

NMC are commencing installation from southern end of Council area (ie. Ross) with the intention to progress northward and have these installed before Winter.

- 4/6/25 Frances Stewart contacted Vivien Tan for an update. Response was that NMC Projects and Buildings Compliance Manager, Trent Nathan, is progressing with this item but it has been delayed due to priorities elsewhere, such as Campbell Town streetscaping issues.
- 3/9/25 Bron Baker's images of mainland designs submitted through Vivien Tan to relevant NMC Officer for consideration.
- 1/10/25 Vivien Tan response that there is no news at present.

**ACTION:** Continue to monitor.

### **10.5 Additional bench seats & picnic tables for Longford Village Green near Latour and Lyttleton Streets.**

*Ref. Addendum to Minutes.*

4/2/26 Peter Munro & Neil Tubb contacted Tim Flanagan re. possible Rotary Sponsorship, submission for \$10,000 for 2 tables with seating, 1 bench seat.

4/3/26 Rotary response received indicating potential support for a bench seat.

**ACTION:** Follow up with Rotary regarding their willingness to sponsor two bench seats. Annette Aldersea to door knock locally for feedback and discuss with Leigh McCullagh at NMC.

**Budget Request Item 2026/27.**

## **11.0 HERITAGE ISSUES:**

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

*Ref. Addendum to Minutes.*

- 2/07/2025 Nominations closed 30<sup>th</sup> June. Annette Aldersea advised the Longford – Norfolk Plains History Society had lodged approximately 16 nominations covering around 300 trees on public land, and aware of several nominations for trees on private property and Longford Primary School. Encouraged ongoing nomination of trees for consideration at a later date by NMC.
- 3/9/25 Some preliminary sorting being done by Erin Miles, Strategic Project Officer at NMC.
- 1/4/26 Noted the update in NMC March Minutes, including draft Heritage Precinct status for the southern entrance to Longford.

**ACTION:** Annette Aldersea to follow up NMC Council minutes and attachments for update on progress. Continue to Monitor

### **11.2 Preservation of Fred Davies Grandstand**

*Ref. Addendum to Minutes.*

- Vivien Tan notified that NMC Tourism Officer has added a tab to [www.northernmidlands.tas.gov.au/longford](http://www.northernmidlands.tas.gov.au/longford) which can be populated with history of Fred Davies Grandstand.
- 7/1/26 Fiona Dewar & Vivien Tan looking at Web Designer budget increase to help populate this page.
- 4/2/26 Neil Tubb has provided information for Vivien Tan to arrange uploading.
- 4/3/26 NMC Website Tab has been created to populate with history.

**ACTION:** Continue to monitor. Investigate QR Code to be installed on grandstand with link.

### **11.3 Longford Historic Motorsport Collection - Museum Preservation**

18/8/25 Council deferred a decision on formally backing the Rob Knott Motorsport Memorabilia Collection. A three month community consultation will now explore public interest in retaining the collection locally as a self sustaining attraction.

3/9/25 LDC note a public meeting will be held on this issue 4<sup>th</sup> October.

LDC fully support a community project to retain the collection.

3/12/25 Final offer has been put to Rob Knott by Working Group on behalf of community, awaiting response. An open meeting will be called when a response is received, for interested parties from the previous public meeting.

4/2/26 Annette Aldersea reported that Rob Knott is considering the offer to purchase.

4/3/26 Annette Aldersea reported that Rob Knott has provisionally agreed to a price and that a public meeting will be held at the Town Hall on 14<sup>th</sup> March, 2026 to gauge support for a committee and fundraising.

1/4/26 Meeting on 14/3/26 voted unanimously to continue with intention to acquire the collection. A further meeting to be held on 11/4/26 to elect a committee.

[ACTION: Monitor activity of Committee regarding fundraising.](#)

#### **11.4 Tannery Road South - Bicentenary Fencing**

LDC noted that the Bicentenary fencing has deteriorated and is in need of repair.

4/3/26 Item added to [Budget request items 26/27](#)

1/4/26 Peter Munro mentioned to the NMC Bus Tour that the fence was in need of repair.

\*2/4/26 Frances Stewart noted that the Council was undertaking the repairs, now complete.

[ACTION: Item finalized.](#)

### **12.0 GOVERNANCE ISSUES:**

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

LDC Projects for which funding will be requested. (Submission to be emailed to Council and LDC members in March):

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- Marlborough Street footpaths – Upgrades. [Concrete paths in future footpath program.](#)
- Legends Walk - Continuation of placement of historic stands & plaques [\\$5,000 ongoing](#)
- Directory of Clubs – Framework for club signs – Visitor Information Centre Village Green and Wellington Street Woolmers Lane end - \$6,000 (Noted that NMC are talking with IT about adding these on the NMC website also). [Investigate – maybe Tourism Budget Signage](#)
- Longford Cemetery – For planting of mature trees to provide shade over the existing seating. [\\$25,000 for irrigation. Trees - Consider from Maintenance Budget.](#)
- Mill Dam Reserve - Funding for improvements. [See Masterplan.](#)
- Longford Road Bypass - future plan. [Survey work planned. 18/8/25 NMC Minute No. 25/249 “That Council take no further action at this time and continue to monitor heavy vehicles in Longford”.](#)
- Pedestrian Refuges – upgrade existing and new refuge Marlborough Street near “Yellow Shop”. [NMC Budget \\$100,000](#)
- ½ Netball/Basketball Court – near skate park at Velodrome. [No funding allocated.](#)
- 5/3/25 Annette Aldersea and Peter Munro have compiled the NMC Budget Submission List. Longford Cemetery, Marlborough Street Footpaths and Pedestrian Refuges have been nominated for inclusion in the Annual March municipal bus tour – Wed 26<sup>th</sup> March, 2025
- 3/12/25 LDC will commence compiling Submission for 2026/27 in the New Year.
- 4/2/26 LDC Sub Committee to meet on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February at 3:30pm to commence compiling new submission, due in early March 2026.
- 4/3/26 Annette Aldersea has compiled the Items highlighted for Budget Request in LDC Minutes into a Submission, which was reviewed and agreed with one addition by LDC members.
- 1/4/26 Frances Stewart submitted to NMC with previous LDC Minutes. NMC Bus Tour reviewed Marlborough Street, old Police Station, Bicentenary fence.

[ACTION: Continue to monitor previous.](#)

## **12.2 Draft Longford Expansion Strategy**

*Ref. Addendum to Minutes. Continue to Monitor*

### **12.3 Cat Control Measures**

1/10/25 LDC raised concerns regarding risks from feral cats with Toxoplasmosis and Sarcocystis in sheep. Councillors reported this is being looked at next NMC Workshop.

5/11/2025: Cr. Paul Terrett advised that the Cat Management Act is being updated and is currently a live issue, still in NMC Workshop. The outcome will go for community consultation.

3/12/25 Christine Darke reported that some farms in southern council area have had lamb losses of 30% due to Toxoplasmosis.

7/1/26 LDC to review outcome from NMC workshop

4/2/26 LDC discussed recent revelation on ABC Radio Northern Tas that Toxoplasmosis can transmit fatally across species to endangered Eastern Barred Bandicoots and has been evidenced in the Midlands.

1/4/26 No NMC Councillors to report update. Potentially a State Government issue.

**ACTION:** Frances Stewart to discuss action with Tasfarmers. Continue to Monitor

### **12.4 Nominations for use of LDC Secretarial Allowance \$2,500 for past 12 months.**

**MOTION:** Longford District Committee request Northern Midland Council approve the allocation of LDC's Secretarial allowance for the past 12 months to be pledged toward the fundraising to acquire the Rob Knott Motor Racing Collection, with funds released to the formal fund raising campaign once it is established.

**MOVED:** Frances Stewart      **SECONDED:** Annette Aldersea      Carried Unanimously

5/11/2025 Vivien Tan advised by email 6/10/2025 that "this can be recorded in LDC minutes as a committee resolution. A councilor decision is not necessary in this case".

**LDC MINUTE:** LDC resolved unanimously that the LDC Secretarial Allowance \$2,500 for the past 12 months be pledged towards the fundraising to acquire the Rob Knott Motor Racing Collection, with funds released to the formal fund raising campaign once it is established.

1/4/26 LDC discussed requesting this year's secretarial allowance (2026) also to be allocated to acquisition of the Rob Knott motoring collection.

**ACTION:** Continue to Monitor progress of fundraising for Rob Knott Motor Racing Collection

### **12.5 Longford Tip Shop**

7/1/26 Joanne Clarke reported that Helping Hands will be taking over the operation and management of the Tip Shop. There will be a volunteer drive in the first week of February, with Jobseekers eligible to volunteer and count hours as work. Shop should open first week of March. Helping Hands is currently finalizing contracts. Donations towards restocking the tip shop will be welcome.

4/2/26 Joanne Clarke reported that Helping Hands Foundation Members voted 7-4 against running the Tip Shop. NMC to seek other organisations to run it.

1/4/26 Joanne Clarke reported that a new 4 member committee has been formed to run a not-for-profit organization "Rekindle" to manage the Tip Shop with proceeds being returned to the community without restrictions. Currently there are 10 volunteers and the shop will be open Wednesday, Saturday, Sunday from 9am-4pm. More volunteers welcome. Peter Munro congratulated Joanne Clarke for successfully launching this initiative.

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

**13.1 Railway Committee** – No update.

**13.2 Longford Legends** - Neil Tubb reported Fiona Dewar is arranging a Norfolk Islanders plaque. Ceremony will take place on 7 May 2026 to acknowledge Longford’s first FIFO workers – shearers.

**13.3 Town Hall Committee** – LDC discussed need for Town Hall to be promoted as available for hire by the community for private events. Currently an underutilized community asset.

**13.4 Arts & Cultural Committee** – No update.

**14. NEW BUSINESS:**

**14.1 Tactile Assistance for Vision Impaired at Road Crossings**

4/2/26 LDC noted a community member requesting more Tactile Assistance measures for road crossings on Longford roads.

[ACTION: LDC to put on Facebook page for community comment and feedback on locations.](#)

**14.2 Toilets, Shade, Seating & Bins at Illawarra Road Truck Stop**

4/2/26 The lack of facilities for truck drivers at the truck stop was raised by Joanne Clarke.

[ACTION: LDC to request NMC ask Dept. State Growth to improve conditions at the truck stop to alleviate the pollution / excrement around this State Growth truck facility. LDC seek community feedback. Draft Motion for next meeting.](#)

**14.3 Procedure for Council Notification to residents of temporary Street Closures.**

4/3/26 Ken Richards advised that a recent cycling event caused the closure of residents’ access to Archer Streets, for which there had been no advance notification. Discussion regarding what the procedure is for event organizers or Council to advise residents and for Council to monitor.

[ACTION: Frances Stewart to follow up with Vivien Tan to request clarification.](#)

**14.4 Blenheim Hotel – Open Bar on Marlborough Street.**

4/3/26 LDC Committee members have noticed recently that patrons of the Blenheim Hotel have been using the Marlborough Street footpath on occasion for drinking and smoking. Discussion regarding whether this is permitted.

1/4/26 LDC discussion whether there could be some separation (fence?) between patrons and pedestrians, such as in Kempton and The Metz or Star Bar have in Launceston,

[ACTION: Frances Stewart to follow up with Licencee.](#)

**NMC Meeting dates for 2025/2026, Meeting starts 5:00pm:**

20 <sup>th</sup> April *	17 <sup>th</sup> August	14 <sup>th</sup> December * 2 <sup>nd</sup>
18 <sup>th</sup> May	21 <sup>st</sup> September	Monday
22 <sup>nd</sup> June * 4 <sup>th</sup> Monday	19 <sup>th</sup> October	
20 <sup>th</sup> July	16 <sup>th</sup> November	

**15. CLOSURE:** Chair closed the meeting at 6:48pm.

**The next meeting will be at 5:30pm on WEDNESDAY 6<sup>th</sup> MAY 2026 at the Longford War Memorial Hall, Meeting Room 1.**

